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## EXTRAORDINARY INTEREST IN LEAGUE MEETING: 15 GERMAN CORRESPONDENTS

### Britain Unlikely To Support Proposal For Expulsion Of Russia

GENEVA, DEC. 11 (REUTERS)—THE EXTRAORDINARY INTEREST MANIFESTED IN TODAY'S MEETING OF THE LEAGUE ASSEMBLY WAS EVIDENT FROM THE LARGE NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS ATTENDING ESPECIALLY GERMANS AND ITALIANS.

FIFTEEN GERMAN CORRESPONDENTS ARE HERE NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE GERMAN PRESS IS ONLY PERMITTED TO CARRY THE GERMAN OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE LEAGUE ACTIVITIES.

A Reuters message from Chungking says that a Chinese dispatch from Geneva reveals that Dr. Wellington Koo, head of the Chinese delegation to the League Assembly, is maintaining the closest contact with the Soviet, British and French representatives "probably to inform them of the attitude China is going to take at the meeting and also to exchange views with them regarding the election of members to the League Council."

The dispatch forecasts that the Assembly was adjourned until the afternoon.

**NAZI PEACE FEELERS**  
LONDON, DEC. 11 (BWS)—Press reports from Geneva refer to rumours of new German peace feelers, through neutral countries. Peace offensives, of which this may well be an example, are a recognised feature of Nazi technique and no serious attention is paid here to the terms put forward in these reports.

There is, in fact, no ambiguity as to the terms on which the Allied Governments would be prepared to consider peace proposals. On behalf of the British Government, the war aims were clearly stated in the Foreign Secretary's speech in the House of Lords on December 5.

**DALADIER'S WORDS**  
On that occasion Lord Halifax, adopting the words of M. Daladier, said Britain would be willing to stop the war when she could treat with a German Government whose signature could be trusted. When wrongs done to smaller nations could be righted, and security was established.

Proceeding, Lord Halifax said, "We desire that the people that have been deprived of their independence should recover their liberties. We desire to redeem the peoples of Europe from this constant fear of German aggression. We desire to safeguard our own freedom and security."

"We do not seek aggrandisement nor to redraw the map in our own interests. Still less are we moved by the spirit of vengeance."

### A NAZI'S WORD To The Editor, Hongkong Daily Press.

Sir,—With reference to an article in the Sunday Herald of Dec. 10 concerning the adventures of a German internee, Karl Joachim, who escaped from Hongkong, I would state that this man was not in a Military Hospital, but was taken to the Kowloon Civil Hospital after he had given his parole or word of honour not to attempt to escape.

A. B. THOMSON  
Brigadier, A. A. and  
Q. M. G. 1/c Administration, China Command.

### GENEROUS CHRISTMAS DONATION

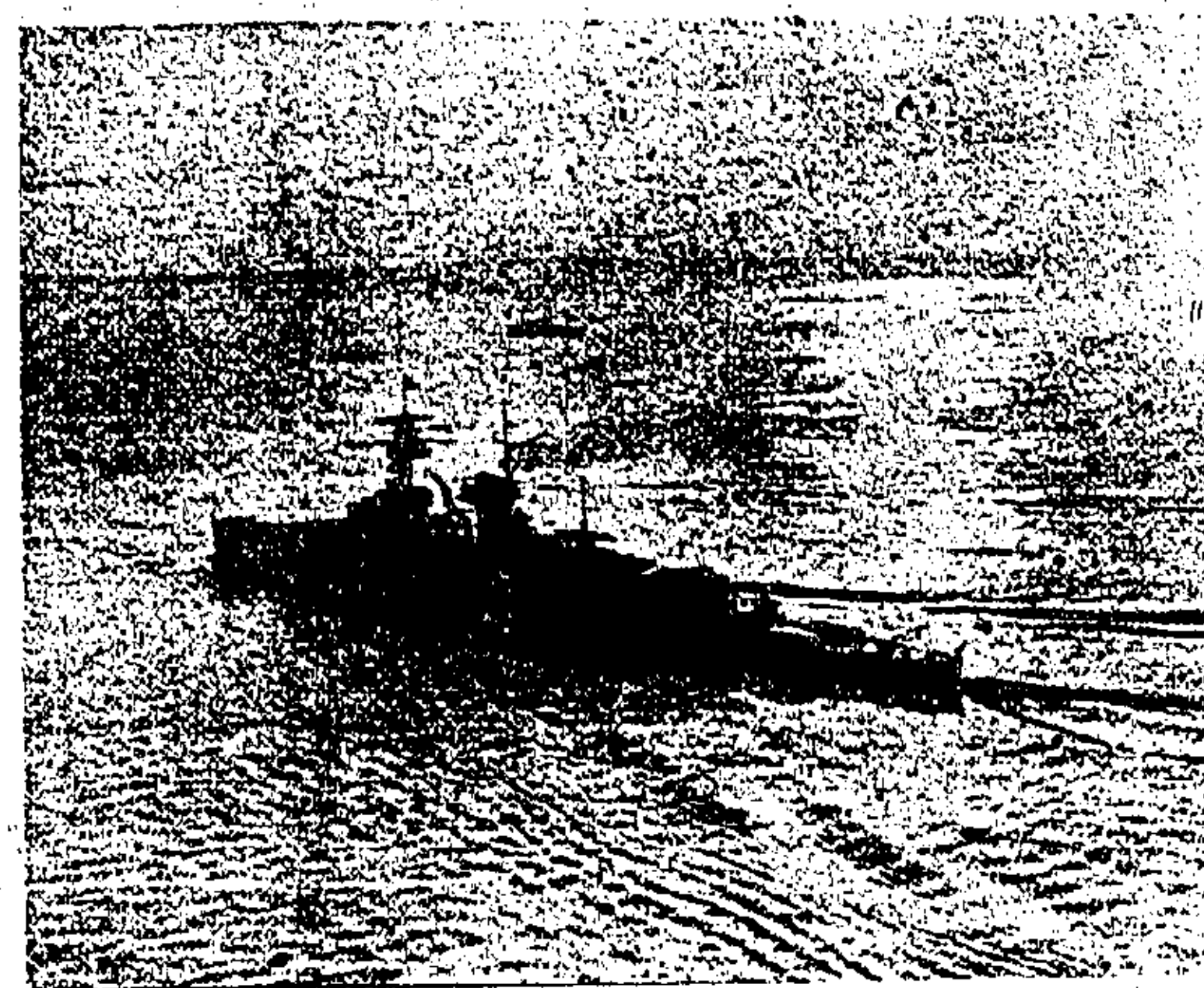
LONDON, DEC. 11 (BWS)—Mr. Eden, the Dominions Secretary, acknowledging on behalf of the Government, the generous Christmas gift of £100,000 which had been handed at a ceremony in Johannesburg to the United Kingdom Commissioner in South Africa by the Chairman of the National Committee of the South African Mayor's Fund to raise £1,000,000 for war object, said, "It is a real encouragement to the people of Britain to receive this welcome mark of friendship of Union of South Africa."

**APPLES FOR TROOPS**  
The Nova Scotia Government has promised £1 for every £1 subscribed by the public towards the gift of a consignment of apples as a Christmas present to the British troops and a load of 1,000 barrels, each containing 130 lbs. of apples, has just arrived in England.

**BERTIES**  
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### STILL AT LARGE



The German battleship Deutschland, which sank the Rawalpindi and still eludes our warships.

## JAPANESE ATTEMPTS IN SOUTH FUKIEN END IN TOTAL FIASCO: TRIBUTE TO MILITIA

### Chinese Counter - Attack In South Shensi

FOOCHOW, Dec. 11 (Central)—The Japanese attempt on South Fukien, with the assistance of bogus troops, has been completely frustrated and what was heralded as another ambitious scheme turned out to be a fiasco, according to a high military officer at the front, in a telephonic interview.

With the recapture of Chaoan, important border town, on Dec. 7, South Fukien has now been completely cleared of Japanese and bogus forces. Fenshuikwan, the Kwangtung-Fukien pass, returned to Chinese hands on Dec. 8.

In addition to large numbers of Japanese forces slain, the Chinese succeeded in capturing more than 100 men of the combined Japanese and puppet units. A lot of rifles were seized.

**HIGH TRIBUTE**  
The military officer paid a tribute to the able support of the Militia and Self-Preservation Corps in South Fukien and East Kwangtung, especially their good work in harassing Japanese retreat at Jaoping, Wongkong, Tung-hu, and other points.

A company of bogus troops, numbering 100 men, returned to the Chinese fold at Tsjen with their arms. The Japanese appointed field commander of the bogus force, Lin Wen-yuan, was captured alive and escorted to the rear. Lin has long been proscribed by the authorities.

**AIR RAID**  
KWEILIN, Dec. 11 (Central)—Six Japanese aircraft staged another raid over Chuanchow, in north Kwangsi, near the Hunan border, yesterday. Many bombs were released.

**CHINESE ACTIVITY**  
KINHWAI, Dec. 11 (Central)—Increasing Chinese activities on the suburbs of Hangchow were reported during the week-end, when Japanese barracks and outposts at Kungshengkiao, Lihusha, Lingping, Shangpo and other points were attacked by Chinese units.

In a daring raid on the night of Dec. 7, Chinese guerrillas broke through the Japanese sentinel line on the south-western part of Hangchow and attacked Lingying, Sungmushang and the Chingpo and Wuling gates. More than 80 Japanese barracks at various points were destroyed.

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### CHINESE READY FOR COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

KWEILIN, Dec. 11 (Central)—All preparations have been completed by the Chinese forces on the Kwangsi front to start counter-offensives against the Japanese invaders, according to General Cheng Sze-yuen, Director of the Political Department of the Kwangsi Pacification Headquarters at Kweilin, who has just returned from a tour of the war zone.

Fighting among the difficult hilly regions on the Nanning-Pinyang and Nanning-Wuming lines, according to General Cheng, is increasing in ferocity, and the initiative has now been taken from the Japanese by the Chinese. Chinese operations, so far, were confined to flanking movements, which already have scored heavily against the invaders. On the other hand, the Japanese are endeavouring to strengthen their hold on Nanning, and are feverishly erecting defence works outside the city.

### CAPTAIN BLOWN CLEAR OF BRITISH DRIFTER

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters)—The Admiralty announced that the British drifter Ray of Hope was sunk by a mine yesterday off the north-east coast.

Four of the crew were killed when the ship was blown up. Five are missing while three have been rescued. The captain, who was on the bridge, was blown clear of the vessel and swam for two hours before he was rescued by a trawler which picked up the other two survivors, who are now receiving treatment in a hospital.

### FAMOUS GOLFER MARRIED

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters)—T. Henry Cotton, the famous professional golfer was married to Mrs. Maria Isabel Moss, a wealthy Argentinean, who he met while on a golfing tour.

Cotton was British Open Golf Champion in 1934 and 1937. He is 31 years of age.

### GENERALISSIMO AND DR. KUNG IN NEW POSTS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Reuters)—GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND DR. H. H. KUNG were formally inducted into their concurrent posts as President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Executive Yuan.

It is recalled that, following the conclusion of the Sixth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, it was officially announced that Generalissimo Chiang had been appointed President of the Executive Yuan replacing Dr. Kung "for the purpose of unifying the country's political, party and military administration under the Generalissimo" and also, at the same time, to enable Dr. Kung to devote more time and attention to the country's financial affairs.

Dr. Kung was appointed Vice-President of the Executive Yuan replacing Gen. Chang Chun who resigned.

Mr. Wu Tze-hui, elder statesman and veteran Kuomintang leader, administered the oath in this morning's ceremony.

### BIG GATHERING

Central News reports that Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, headed more than 200 high officials of the Government to witness Generalissimo Chiang taking his oath of office.

The seal of the Executive Yuan was handed over to the new President by Mr. Wu, who represented the Central Party Headquarters and delivered a speech of admonition. Generalissimo Chiang then replied in appropriate terms.

This was the third time the Generalissimo assumed the Presidency of the Executive Yuan.

Members of the Yuan gave a dinner party today to honour his return.

Preparations have been completed by various public organisations in Chungking to welcome the Burma Chinese Mission which is expected to arrive in Chungking today. On December 13, a dinner party will be held in honour of the members of the Mission. Dr. Chu Chia-hua, director of the Organisation Board of the Central Party Headquarters, will be in the chair.

### "RAWALPINDI" CASUALTIES

Readers of the "Hongkong Daily Press" interested in learning the names of the casualties in the sinking of the H.M.S. Rawalpindi may see the full list, just received from England by air, in our Town Office, 318-9 Marina House.

### THETIS INQUIRY RESUMES

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuters)—The inquiry into the loss of the submarine H.M.S. Thetis was resumed today.

The submarine sank in Liverpool Bay five months ago and on October salvage workers saw the Thetis for the first time when she broke the surface in Moelfre Bay, Anglesea. She had since been beached.

At today's hearing, over which Mr. Justice Bucknill is presiding, the Attorney-General, Sir Donald Somervell, K.C., stated that the door of the escape chamber was found to be open which permitted water to enter the vessel when she foundered.

Mr. Justice Bucknill is assisted by three assessors namely, Capt. G. C. P. Menzies, R.N., a submarine specialist, Capt. A. D. Ryley, one of the Elder Brethren, and Professor T. B. Abel, Professor of Naval Architecture in the University of Liverpool.

Counsel engaged include Mr. A. T. Miller, K.C., and Mr. H. I. Nelson, for Cammell Laird's, builders of the submarine, Mr. A. M. Lyons, K.C., and Mr. Geoffrey Hutchinson, K.C., M.P., besides six other counsel.

### CARDINAL LAURI

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 11 (Reuters)—At a secret Consistory held by the Pope, Cardinal Lauri was appointed Cardinal Camerlengo to take over the administration affairs of the Holy See in the event of the death of the Pontiff.

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## "WONDERFUL TOKEN OF SUPPORT SOCIETY IS ACCORDED BY PUBLIC." ANNUAL MEETING OF H.K.S.P.C.

### Long Overdue: Governor On Experiment Of Children's Clubs

"The year has ended with a small debit balance of \$768, a figure, the smallness of which I regard as amazing and a most wonderful token of the support which the Society is accorded by the public," remarked the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, when he proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the protection of Children held at the Helena May Institute yesterday afternoon.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, and Lady Northcote attended the chair being taken by the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, President of the Society. Present on the dais also were the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, Mrs. D. J. S. Crozier (Hon. General Secretary) and Mr. A. McKellar (Hon. Treasurer).

In the course of his speech, His Excellency the Governor remarked on the new experiment of children's clubs and said that he hoped to visit one of the Society's clubs soon.

### MOST CONGENIAL DUTY OF ALL

In opening the meeting Sir Robert Kotewall said:—

In today's agenda I have allotted to myself the most congenial duty of all—that of thanking the benefactors of the Society. First and foremost among these are His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote who, in spite of the strain and stress of pressing and exacting occupations, have contrived to find time to attend all our annual meetings, and to give us every encouragement and help.

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## Chungking Active: Tokyo Dull: U.S. Journalist Tells Of Experiences

Life in Chungking is active. Conditions in Tokyo are dull by comparison. The spirit of the people in and out of the National Government is one of anticipation of success, and unity of purpose. Against this situation in Chungking, the Abe Cabinet in Tokyo is foundering around, struggling with what appears insurmountable difficulties, pessimism prevails and the so-called unity is of a forced nature.

These comments were made to the Central News Agency by Mr. James R. Young, a correspondent for the Hearst newspaper organization, who arrived in Hongkong after one month in Chungking gathering material for newspaper articles, radio stations, magazines and photographic departments of newspapers served by his company, the International News Service.

The correspondent spent 11 years in Japan as a Hearst correspondent and went to Chungking early in November. His planned stay of one week extended to a full month as the "material available was far more interesting than had been expected."

**A REVELATION**  
To anyone who has been close to the Japanese scene—and there

are many so close to it they fall to see the other side of the present picture a visit to Chungking is a revelation.

"One is impressed by the tremendous activity everywhere. The leaders, many of them former business men, have done a difficult but creditable job in organizing new departments for trade and industrial development. The young people's participation is an object lesson. The unquestionable unity and determination of everyone, many probably former political enemies but now working together, strikes the observer."

"Tokyo has none of the pioneer spirit. The over abundance of formality and frills costs kills initiative. The mud

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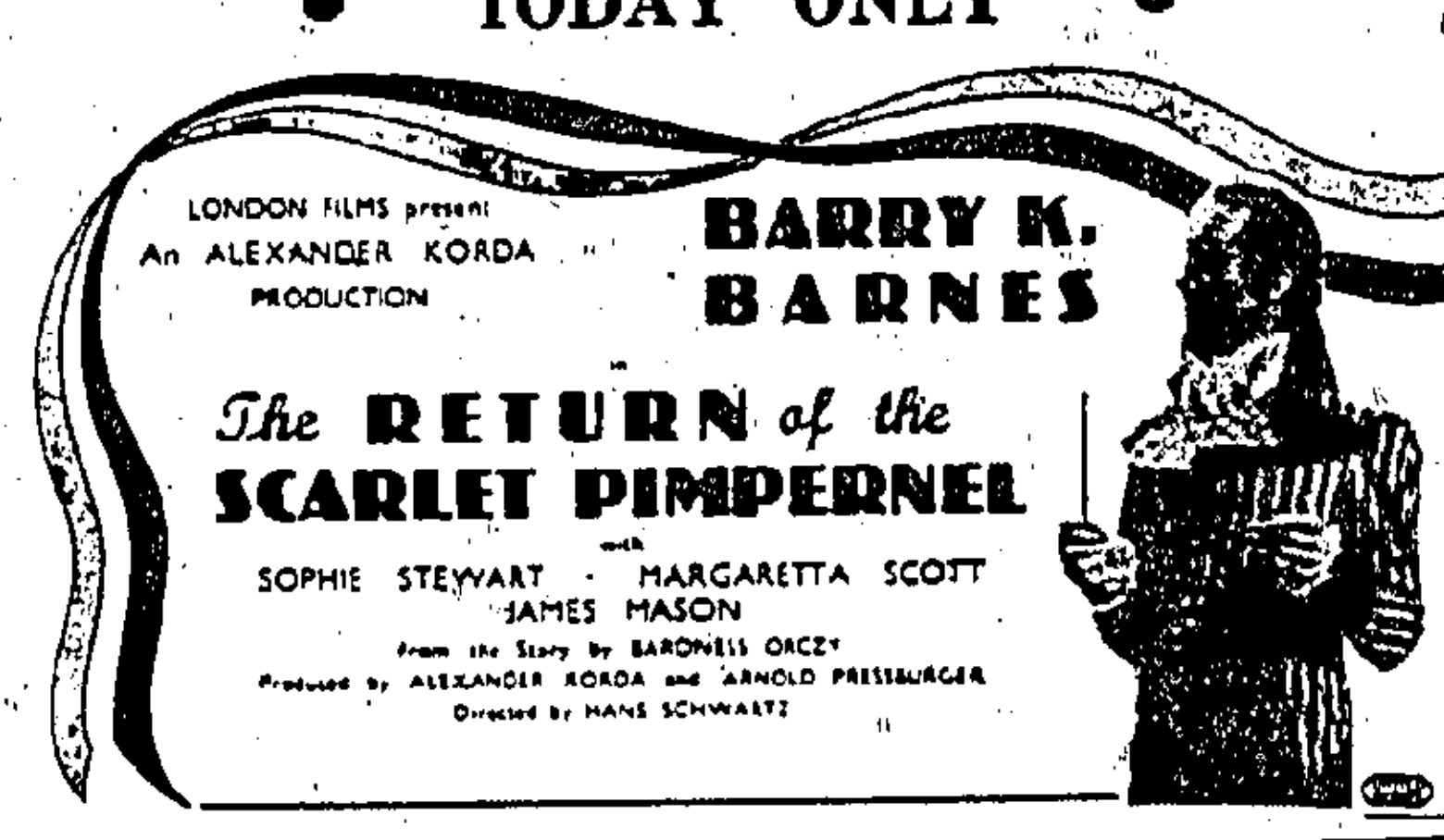
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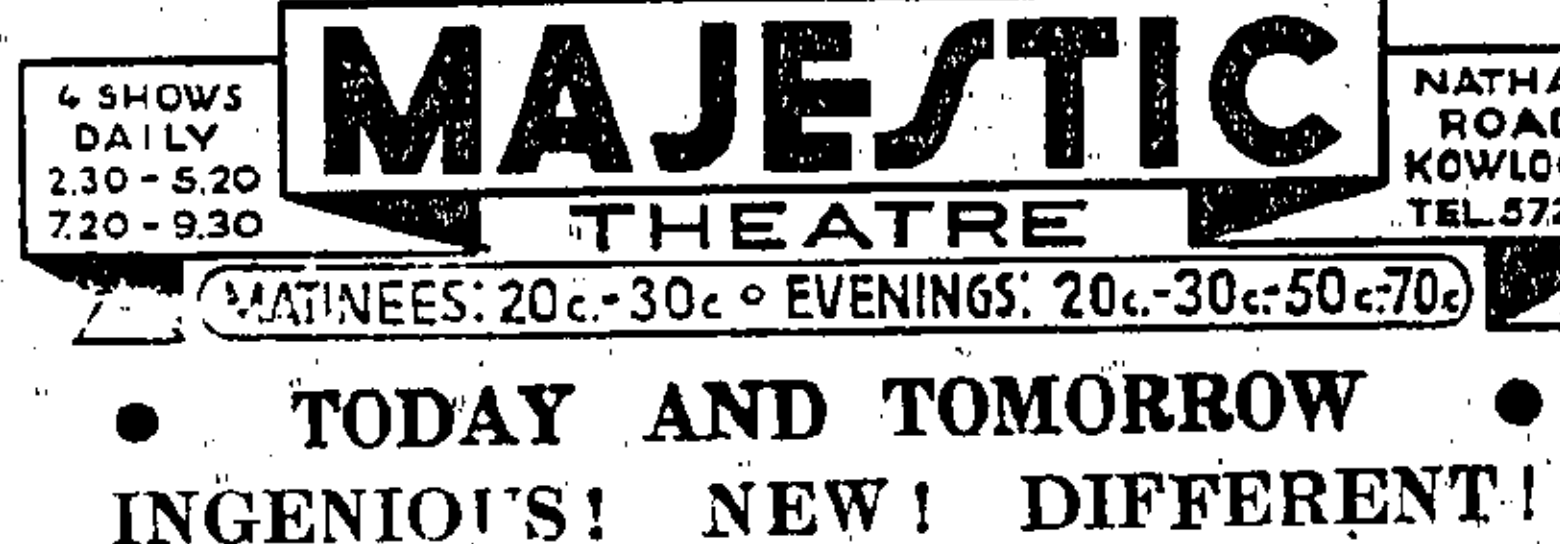


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## COMING EVENTS

DEC.

12—H.K. High 11.24 a.m. and 5.53 p.m. 1.47 a.m. and 5.15 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.

Nomination of J.P.'s representative on Legislative Council.

Kowloon Chess Club, Annual Dinner, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Dinner, 1 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. L. N. Asclough "General Communications."

Y.M.C.A. Bridge Class, 10 a.m.

Badminton, 6 p.m.

Old Marburian Dinner.

Recital by Barbara Gilmar, H.K. Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Anglo-French School Hall, Causeway Bay: "The Queen of Sheba" by Students of French Convent, 5.30 p.m.

Army Teachers' Club Annual Mtg., Garden Road, 8.30 p.m.

Christ Church Council Mtg., 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Mothers' Union Mtg., 3 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Ernie Freedlander, Cathedral Hall, 9 a.m.—6 p.m.

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

S. and S. Home, Prayer and Fellowship Mtg., 8.20 p.m.

Entries Close for Fanning Hunt and Race Meeting at Kwanti at noon.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

13—Tides: High 12.08 a.m. and 10.28 p.m. Low 5.05 a.m. and 3.49 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Shoot, 1.45 p.m.

Queens Theatre: "No! No! Nanette," 9.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminton: A.D.C. Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Talkoo Club Lawn Bowls, 3.15 p.m.

Polio: Kildare Cup Tournament, 3.30 p.m.

Cheero Club, Dance, 8.30 p.m.

14—Tides: High 6.16 a.m. and 8.23 p.m. Low 2.07 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette," 9.30 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club, Charity Dinner, Peninsula Hotel.

Election of J.P.'s representative on Legislative Council.

Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Annual Meeting, Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s office, 15 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Lecture by Mr. Colin Rucker Eddison, H.K. Hotel, 6 p.m.

Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Wei Tat "Some More Thoughts on Ancient Chinese Wisdom."

Y.M.C.A. Games Morning, 10 a.m.

Women's Section Committee Mtg., 10.30 a.m.

A.D.C. Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Meeting of Court of University of H.K., Pung Ping Shan Chinese Library, 5.30 p.m.

15—Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette," 9.30 p.m.

Central British Assn. Dance.

University Women's Undergraduates Club Concert in Great Hall, 8.45 p.m.

H.K. Football Referees Assn. Annual Dinner, Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.

Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd., third interim dividend payable.

H.K. Chamber Music Club Concert at Govt. House, 8.30 p.m.

Keep Fun! Girls' School Speech Day, 8.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Badminton, 6 p.m.

Social Evening at Police Recreation Club, Happy Valley, 8.30 p.m.

Servicemen's Dance, S. & S. Home, 8.30 p.m.

Criminal Sessions Open, 9.30 p.m.

16—H.K. Jockey Club's 13th Extra Meeting, 2 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "No! No! Nanette," 9.30 p.m.

St. Stephen's Girls' College: Sale of Work in aid of War relief and local charities, 11 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. A.D.C. Rehearsal, 8.30 p.m.

Exhibition by Ernie Freedlander, St. Andrew's Hall, 9 a.m.—6 p.m.

17—H.K.R.A. Shoot, 9 a.m.

Golf-Club Championship Final.

Exhibition by Ernie Freedlander, St. Andrew's Hall, 1 p.m.—6 p.m.

Maurolico College of Physical Education: Weight-Lifting Competition, 2.30 p.m.

Caroline Hill: Int'l Charity Soccer, 3.30 p.m.

18—Claims against estate of Thomas Meek and Edward Tucker, due.

Cheero Club, Gala Christmas Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Sandakan Light and Power Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg. Bank of East Asia Bldg., 12 noon.

H.K. Yorkshiremen's Society, Annual Meeting, H.K. Hotel, 5.45 p.m.

Busy Bees Working Party—Final Bridge and Mahjongg Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

19—Claims against estate of Gaston Desmuller, due.

H.K. Horticultural Society, Annual Mtg., Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 5.15 p.m.

20—H.K.R.A. Rifle Shoot, 1.45 p.m.

Peak School Prize Day, 5.15 p.m.

Second and Third Rounds of Ladies Tennis Championships due to be completed.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 5 p.m.

21—Launching at Kowloon Docks, 5 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club Carnival Dance, 8 p.m.

Cheero Club Christmas Dinner, 7.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

Children's Fancy Dress Party, Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.—6.30 p.m.

Schools' Physical Training Competition, K.F.C., 9 a.m.

22—Sino-British Cultural Assn. Mtg. Speaker: Mr. J. E. Witham "China's Tea Trade."

China Light and Power Co., Ltd., Annual Mtg., 12 noon.

Claims against Enemy firms (Vintner Singer and Wilhelm Maier and Co.).

Schools' Physical Training Competition, H.K.F.C., 9 a.m.; Final at 11.30 a.m.

23—Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m.

24—Christmas Eve International Soccer.

25—Christmas Day.

26—Boxing Day.

27—Boxing Day "Fancy Dress" Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Fanning Hunt and Race Club Meeting at Kwanti.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

30—Claims against estate of Leting Chan Tak Yan, due.

31—New Year's Eve.

Football Bldg., First Round.

Y.M.C.A. Pantomime, 9 p.m.

Theosophical Society: Speaker—Mr. Percy Chen "The Rebirth of Nations."

## Radio Programmes

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RECITAL BY LUBA SHAFTAIN FROM THE STUDIO

"Die Walkure" Act I

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Songs by Conale Boswell.

"Heart and Soul (from 'A Song is Born'). Outside of Paradise (from the film); I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart (Ellington and Others).

12.40 Hawaiian Numbers by Roy Smek and His Serenaders.

Waltz—Song of the Islands; Fox-Trot—Moon Over Miami; Fox-Trot—Honolulu Stars and Hawaiian Guitars; A Little Rendezvous in Honolulu.

Swing Is In The Air (from the film); Goodnight My Love (film 'Stowaway').

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Compositions of Coleclidge Taylor.

Christmas—Overture—Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent. Sons of the Sea—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra. "Otelio"—Suite—New Symphony Orchestra cond. by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

Spring Had Come (from 'Hiawatha')—Elsie Suddaby (Soprano), with Orchestra. Life and Death—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.

1.50 Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Slap That Bass (film 'Shall We Dance'); Shall We Dance (from the film); Six-Eight Medley; Valencia; Ca. Cest Paris; Pilsener; Barcelona; Rio de Janeiro; Casablanca; Quickstep—Little Spanish Shawl; Lili Liza Luna; Slow Fox-Trot—Broken-Hearted Clown; Fox-Trot—Why Can't We Make Love; Quickstep—Diddle-Dee-Dee; Fox-Trot—Goody-Goody.

2.15 Close down.

2.00 Wagner's "Die Walkure" Act I.

Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Siegmund, Lauritz Melchior (Tenor); Sieglinde, Lotte Lehmann (Soprano); Hunding, Emanuel List (Bass) with The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

7.05 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.07 A Light Orchestral Concert.

Summer Day's Suite (Eric Coates); Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates. "Tic-Tock" Extracite (Vienna); Shy Serenade (Geo. Scott-Wood); New Mayday Nocturne—Impressions; D'Orléans—Descriptive (Amade); Souvenir D'Ukraine—Descriptive (Ferraris); Arrando Di Piramo and His Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

Eugen Onegin—Waltz (Tchaikovsky); Polonaise No. 2 (Liszt).

8.15 Studio—Piano Recital of Liszt Compositions by Luba Shaftain.

1. Harmonies Poétiques et Religieuses N° 2; 2. Sonetto 123 del Petrarca; 3. Soiree de Vienne (Schubert-Liszt).

8.40 Charpentier—Impressions D'Italie—Suite.

Orchestre Symphonique de Paris conducted by Gustave Charpentier.

8.45 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Stay As Sweet As You Are (film 'College Rhythm'); Let's Give Three Cheers for Love (film 'College Rhythm'); Tom Coakley and His Palace Hotel Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Have A Little Dream On Me; Who Made Little Boy Blue—Jack Jackson and His Orchestra. Waltz—Little Anne—Jungherr's Accordion Melodians. Fox-Trots—Did My Heart Beat? Down A Long, Long Road—Jack Jackson and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Want You Stay To Tea? No More Love—Ray Noble and His Orchestra. Waltz—The Dance Goes On (from 'Over the Hills')—Mantovani and His Tipica Orchestra. Fox-Trots—The Spider and The Fly; Taint What You Do—"Fats" Waller and His Rhythm. Quickstep—Cathedral in The Pines; Waltz—The First Quarrel—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

10.30 A Spanish Programme with Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) and Tito Schipa (Tenor).

La Rosa Oriental (Ramon Espigul); Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra. Tangos—Juan Amigo; Night On The La Plata—Juan Lloas and His Tango Orchestra. Princessita (Palomero-Padilla); Granadinas (Calleja-Barra)—Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra. Tangos—Tango Mio; Stars Chica—Juan Lloas and His Tango Orchestra. La Zingarella (Faislido); Pastora (Muriel-Miranda)—Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra.

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CONTINUED FROM SATURDAY

### PARADES

#### 1st Battery

Dec. 15 Belchers, 5.45 p.m. B.C. staff, gun detachments, Lewis Gunners and D.E.L. Section. Dress—Overalls.

#### 2nd Battery

Camp:—Dec. 13 H.Q. for camp. 9.30 a.m.—Kit bags and baggage. 10.00 a.m.—B.Q.M.S. and Advance Party. 3.30 p.m.—Battery parade. Dress—S.D. caps, K.D. jacket and trousers, boots, belt, frog and haversack web, lanyard. Greatcoat to be carried.

#### 3rd Battery

Camp:—Dec. 13 H.Q. Advance Party under Bdr. Guilham 9.45 a.m. Remainder 3.45 p.m. Dress—Jackets, trousers, S.D. caps, boots, webbing belt, braces and pouches, haversacks and waterbottle. Greatcoats to be carried over the left arm.

The following articles, etc. will be carried in kit bags—Spare jackets, trousers, shorts, khaki shirts, putties, overalls and G.P. shoes. Material for cleaning buttons and

boots should be carried as well as washing and shaving gear and personal garments.

Kit bags of all ranks will go out to camp with advance party and must be at H.Q. (suitably labelled) before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13.

#### 4th Battery

Dec. 15 Queen's Pier, 5.30 p.m. (returning 8 p.m.) All members. Dress—S.D. caps, overalls, gun platform shoes.

#### Field Company Engineers

Dec. 14 K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Technical training by sections.

#### Corps Signals

Dec. 15 H.Q. 5.15 p.m. All detachments. Signal training.

#### Armoured Car Platoon

Dec. 15 (1) H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A and B Classes. M.G. instruction. (2) Hung Homi Depot, 5.30 p.m. Driving instruction.

#### No. 1 Company

Nos 1 and 2 Platoons:—Dec. 15 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As Company programme.

#### No. 2 Company

Dec. 14 (1) No. 6 Platoon. Kowloon Dock, 5.30 p.m. L.G.—A.A. drill. (2) No. 7 Platoon. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A Class. Pistol training at Kennedy Road Range. B Class. Stoppages. I.A.

#### No. 4 Company

Dec. 15 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. L.G. training. Repeat lesson 5. Dec. 17 Stonecutters. Rifle Table B. Those detailed.

#### No. 7 Company

Dec. 14 H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Rifle training. No. 1 Platoon. L.G. training. No. 2 Platoon.

Army Service Corps Company  
Transport Section:—Dec. 14 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Company parade. Dress—optional.

#### Field Ambulance

Dec. 15 5.30 p.m. Companies parade separately at St. Paul's College for lectures in First Aid. All members who have not yet returned their ground sheets must return them to Q.M.S. Steven on or before Wed, Dec. 13.

#### Pay Section

Those detailed.

CORPS ORDERS—AMENDMENT.  
Corps Orders No. 60/39 of the 24/11/39. Para. 1—Qualification—Crossley Engines.

For "Y. K. Pun" read "P.N. Pun" and for "Gnr. H. K. Chan" read "L/Bdr. H. K. Chan."

#### TRANSFER

Pte. A. F. Walken, Armd. C. Pl. Air Arm. 1/12/39.  
C.Q.M.S. F. G. Nigel, No. 1 Coy. No. 7 Coy 8/12/39.

#### LEAVE

Pte. D. W. Beeken, Armd. C. Pl. 1/11/39—31/1/40.  
Pte. Chan Fook, No. 4 Coy. Chor. 11/12/39—24/12/39.  
Gnr. F. D. Tanner, 5th A.A. Bty. 15/12/39—15/1/40.

Pte. E. A. Matthews, No. 1 Coy. 22/12/39—12/1/40.  
Pte. R. C. F. MacGregor, No. 1 Coy. 16/11/39—15/1/40.  
Pte. P. Cessford, No. 2 Coy. 8/12/39—2/1/40.

#### STRENGTH—DECREASE

Pte. B. T. Gosano, No. 6 Coy. 18/4/39.  
Gnr. W. C. Muir, 1st Bty. 28/6/39.  
Spr. H. E. Baker, Fd. Coy. Engs. 20/7/39.

Pte. P. Liang, No. 7 Coy. 27/7/39.  
Pte. F. H. Chan, No. 3 Coy. 29/9/39.  
Gnr. N. O. Christensen, 2nd Bty. 6/10/39.

Gnr. E. Huttemeler, 2nd Bty. 6/10/39.  
Gnr. K. Wilkens, 2nd Bty. 6/10/39.  
L/Bdr. L. D. Fernandes, 4th Bty. 9/10/39.

Pte. J. M. Pechenick, Fd. Ambulance. 19/10/39.  
Pte. A. M. G. Philipps, A.S.C. Coy. 21/10/39.

Pte. Lau Kam Kwong, No. 4 Coy. 24/10/39.  
Gnr. R. M. Santos, 3rd Bty. 30/10/39.

Gnr. H. M. Santos, 3rd Bty. 25/10/39.  
Pte. M. A. Gill, No. 5 Coy. 27/10/39.

Pte. E. B. David, Fd. Amb. 10/11/39.  
Gnr. G. Campbell, 5th A.A. Bty. 10/11/39.

Gnr. W. Kong, 4th Bty. 4/12/39.  
Pte. A. V. Hui, No. 4 Coy. 7/12/39.

Pte. K. K. Chan, No. 4 Coy. 27/8/39.  
Pte. P. Ng, No. 4 Coy. 8/12/39.

#### STRENGTH—INCREASE

Sigmn. J. S. Rose, Corps Signals. 13/10/39.

## Mr. Gandhi's Proposals Condemned

### MOSLEM LEADER ON THE "HINDU CAUCUS"

NEW DELHI, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Interviewed by Reuter, Mr. Jinnah, President of the All-India Moslem League, condemns Mr. Gandhi's proposal for a Constitutional Assembly.

Mr. Jinnah reiterates his willingness to give every assistance towards getting an honourable solution of the Hindu-Moslem question but the proposed Assembly would be best manoeuvred and managed by the "Hindu Caucus."

## JAPANESE TRAIN STRIKES MINE

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).—A Shanghai-bound Japanese freight train was wrecked when it struck a Chinese mine at Chow-chinghang, near Wushih, on the Nanking-Shanghai Railway, on Saturday, according to a Shanghai report.

Japanese troops in the vicinity rushing to the scene were attacked and thrown back by Chinese guerrillas.

## CONTINUED RISE IN PRICES

### SHAI COUNCIL CONCERNED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central).—The Shanghai Municipal Council is concerned about the sharp rise in the rice prices during the last few days, a Shanghai report states.

Mr. T.K. Ho, deputy secretary of the Council, has fixed the maximum price at \$45 per picul following a consultation with the rice Market Control Committee last Saturday. Merchants attempting to sell rice above this price are liable to punishment.

The price soared as high as \$49 per picul on Saturday.

### PRICES DOUBLED

Prices of other commodities in Shanghai have been doubled recently. As a result employees of various firms are asking increases in their salaries in order to meet the high cost of living. Those of the Sincere and Sun Companies staged a go-slow strike yesterday as their demands were rejected by their employers.

## Nazi U-Boat Output

### REPLACEMENTS ARE BELOW LOSSES

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—It was learned in London yesterday that Germany is unlikely to be able to replace her submarines more rapidly than at the present rate of losing them, namely, two to four weekly.

The German estimate of the present and future U-Boat output is unavailable, but the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung indicates that the 1917 output, estimated at one daily, can be greatly exceeded.

### PRESENT CONDITIONS

According to the figures available, official circles in London, however, rate that the commissioning of German submarines in 1917 averaged seven monthly. The highest monthly number was thirteen and doubt is expressed whether it is now possible to approach that figure given shortage of materials, the absence of skilled labour, diversion of workers for production at Ersatz of materials for service of the armed forces.

## NEW R.A.F. SQUADRON

The Nizam of Hyderabad's £100,000 gift to the Royal Air Force has been used to form a fighter squadron.

This is the second time in 20 years that an R.A.F. squadron has borne his name. Pilots from Britain and nearly all the Dominions are in the newly formed unit.

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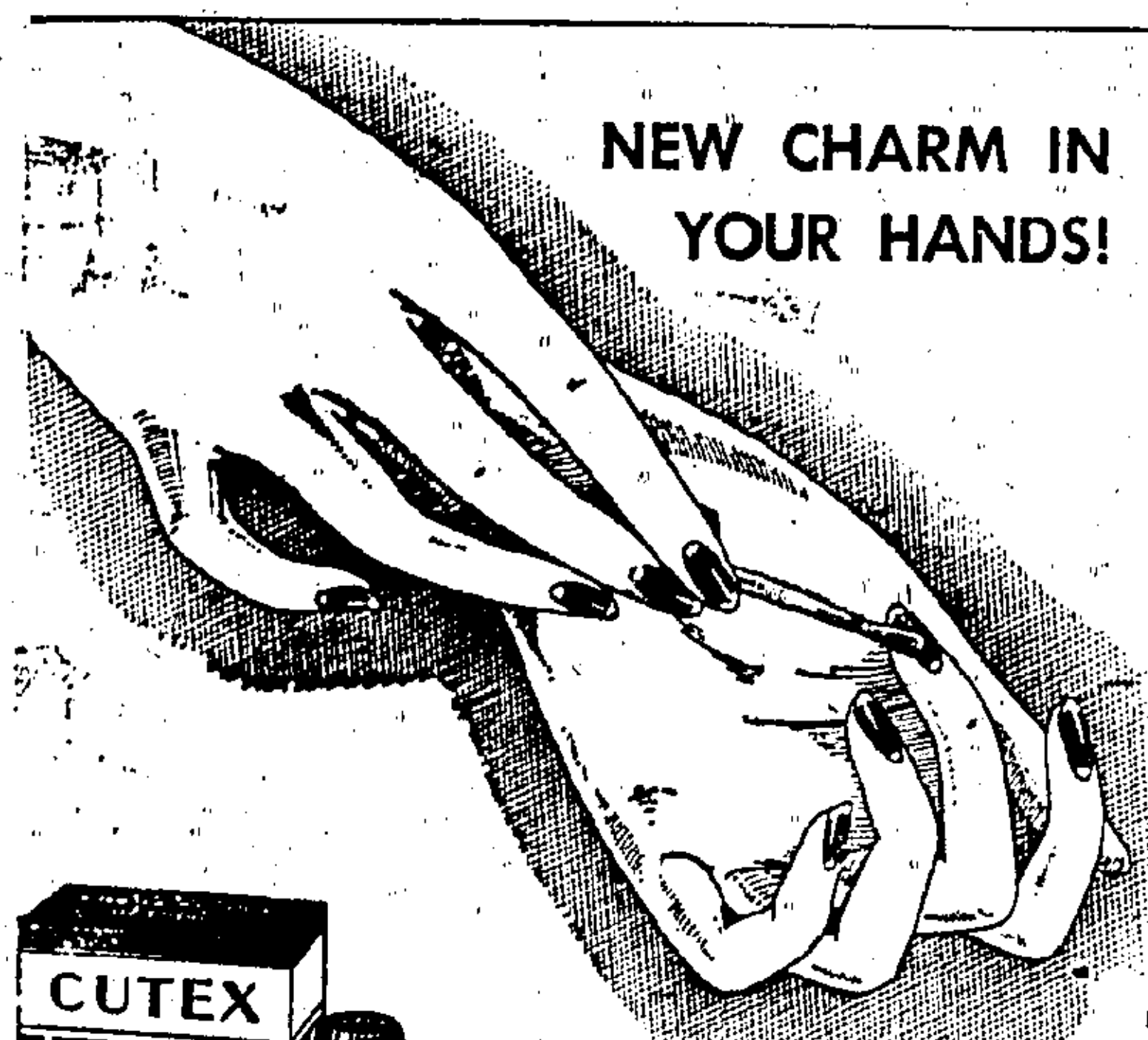
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# HONGKONG SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Continued from Page 1

As the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will in due time propose a formal vote of thanks to His Excellency and Lady Northcote, I will not steal his thunder, but confine myself to an expression of our intense pleasure in having our two Patrons with us today.

## "KEY POSITIONS"

You may have noticed that in the annual report there is no mention of the work of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer. These officers hold three of the four "key positions" in the Society, the fourth being the important office of Hon. Director, which is at the present moment vacant, and to which I will revert later. When I tell you that the Chairman, the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer were primarily responsible for the compilation of the annual report, you will understand the reason for the omission.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee is His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor. Sir Atholl is an ideal chairman. He presides over us with dignity and good humour, tact and patience. Always ready to hear every side of a question, he is yet prompt in the despatch of business, which is a distinct boon to the busy men and women who go to the meeting after a fully day's work.

During a year of heavy and increasing public and social duties, Sir Atholl gave himself to the Society without stint, and his relinquishment of the chairmanship will be a serious loss. Fortunately his wise counsel and able guidance will still be available to us.

## LABOUR OF LOVE

The office of Hon. Secretary to the Society is no sinecure. It entails a tremendous amount of work, but fortunately we have in Mrs. Crozier one who is more than equal to it. Her devotion to this labour of love, and the efficient manner in which she has discharged her heavy duties, have earned our admiration and gratitude.

Our Hon. Treasurer Mr. MacKellar, ably assisted by Mr. Kwok Chan, has rendered yeoman service to the Society. Mr. MacKellar has been more than Hon. Treasurer; he has taken the keenest and closest interest in everything concerning the Society. In the absence of the Hon. Director for eight months of the year, much additional work has devolved upon him and Mrs. Crozier.

The Society, without his vigilance and financial ability at its disposal, would not have been able to achieve so much with so little to spend. Mr. MacKellar will not spend a red cent unnecessarily, but when he sets the need, he does not hesitate to advocate the expenditure of a couple of thousand dollars. Such a trait is worthy of a Sidney Cain.

Mention of Mr. Cain reminds me of the severance of his connection with the Society. Shortly after their arrival in the Colony, two and a half years ago, Mr. and

Mrs. Cain became members of this Society, and had ever since, until they left Hongkong, identified themselves closely with our work. The Society is much the poorer by their departure.

## DEBT OF GRATITUDE

Another helper we have lost is Dr. Hunter who, I understand, may not return to Hongkong. She has placed us under a deep debt of gratitude not only by her whole-hearted co-operation, as Medical Officer in charge of the Violet Peel Infant Welfare Centre, but also by her valuable advice as a member of the Executive Committee.

On previous occasions I have had the pleasure of giving expression to our profound appreciation of the work of the Women's Auxiliary. Year after year these ladies have been the mainstay of our financial fabric, being responsible for about 30 per cent. of our total annual revenue.

Year after year they have taken on additional duties to the immense benefit of the poor children of the Colony. Without this body of noble and indefatigable workers I really do not know how the Society can carry on its work, and I fear that no words of mine can adequately express our sense of gratitude to them.

## IMPORTANT OFFICE

As I have said, the office of Hon. Director is at present vacant. About three years ago the Society had the good fortune of securing the services of Mr. G. P. de Martin for this important office, and he filled it with singular success and distinction. In April last he left for a well-earned holiday, and on his return a few weeks ago he informed us, to our profound regret, that he was unable to resume office.

I earnestly hope that before long circumstances will so change as will enable Mr. de Martin to undertake these very responsible duties which, performed by a man of his tried experience and quick sympathy, will confer lasting benefits on the poor children of the Colony.

In making my inadequate acknowledgment of the services rendered to the Society, I must not forget the good work of the Branch Hon. Secretaries, Mr. L. D. Skinner, Mrs. R. C. Beavan, Mr. W. A. Jones and Mrs. Pearson Grant, or of that of the Hon. Secretary for the Creche, Mrs. W. Park. To these ladies and gentlemen I express very warm thanks for their help.

Where all have had a share in contributing to the result achieved, it is impossible for me to mention everyone by name, and I hope, therefore, that I may be forgiven if I thank, collectively, as I do now, the splendid band of workers who have given so much of themselves to the Society with

the sole thought of alleviating and bettering the lot of poor and suffering children.

## SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR

In proposing the adoption of the annual report and accounts, Sir Atholl MacGregor said:—

"I am glad to have this opportunity, by moving the adoption of the report and the accounts included therein, to give a very short account of my stewardship during the past year."

It has not been an easy time or by any means free from anxiety. Only a month or two before our last annual meeting Canton fell; all through this year hostilities have continued in China, and since September 3, Great Britain also has been at war.

It has naturally, therefore, been a matter of some doubt whether the Society could reasonably look for that degree of financial support from the public which they have never failed to obtain in the past.

## ANOTHER ANXIETY

In the last few weeks too another matter for anxiety was the inevitable rise in the cost of imported foodstuffs owing to the war in Europe, but I am happy to say that worry on that score at least would seem now to be unnecessary. The Society's relations with its suppliers have always been cordial and, on their part, generous, and I do not think that we need anticipate any undue call on our resources in respect of the milk and other things which we have to give to so many of our children.

The year has ended with a debit balance of \$766, a figure, the smallness of which I regard as amazing and a most wonderful token of the support which the Society is accorded by the public.

## MORE NEW CASES

The amount of the deficit is still more remarkable when one remembers that this has been a year of considerable development, that we have dealt with more new cases than ever before and that we have embarked on a new phase of the Society's work in the running of Clubs for young children at the two Kowloon centres—an afternoon club for girls and closer and increased co-operation with the Boys and Girls Clubs Association.

We are also opening a new centre in an area where it is very badly needed, this month.

By the kindness of Mr. S. V. Boxer I have been furnished with a chart showing the average income of each of the families with which we have dealt, the number of new cases dealt with each year and the expenditure.

The chart covers the period from 1932 to the end of this year and shows that expenditure over those eight years has increased only from \$21,000 to very little more than \$25,000 this year while the figure for new cases in the past twelve months is 2,806 or more than three times as many as in the first of the year shown on the chart.

A copy of this graph will be published in the local press thanks to the kindness of Mr. Franklin, to whom the Society never looks in vain—but I hope that these few explanatory remarks may have helped towards its fuller understanding.

Before I close I want to say how very indebted I have been throughout the year to our Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Crozier, our Treasurer, Mr. MacKellar, and the ladies on the Women's Auxiliary to whom no better committee can exist anywhere!

I beg, Sir, to move that the report and accounts for the year ending October 31, 1939, be adopted.

Hon. Mr. Thomas Tam seconded and the proposal was carried.

## ELECTIONS

The election of Vice-Presidents, Honorary Vice-Presidents, General and Executive Committees and other Officers and Officers Designate as in printed the annual report, was proposed by Sir Henry Pollock, Seconded by Mr. A. el Arcull, and carried unanimously.

## AUDITORS THANKED

A vote of thanks to the honorary auditors, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, was proposed by Mr. A. MacKellar and Seconded by Mrs. Crozier.

## HON. MR. M. K. LO

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, in proposing a vote of thanks to His Excellency and Lady Northcote for their presence, said that the Society appreciated the very deep interest H.E. and Lady Northcote had taken in the welfare of the children of Hongkong and their presence at the meeting was further testimony of their concern

## British War Organization Fund

The British War Organization Fund, Hongkong has now reached \$236,781.96.

The latest list of subscriptions includes one of \$2,500 from Imperial Chemical Industries (China), Ltd., two of \$1,500 each from The Kowloon Motor Bus Co., and A. S. Watson and Co., and one of \$1,000 from the Chung Hwa Book Co.

Previously Acknowledged \$282,878.69: "Nurse Edith Cavell" Plm. 2,120.44; G. J. P. Carey 10; Menam River Towage and Lighter Co. 500; Mahjong Four 25; Peter, Mary and Gale 200; Staff of Union Insee. Socy. of Canton, November 134.50; M. M. Affanasieff 3; Imperial Chemical Industries (China), Ltd. 2,500; Putt Tan Hong 38; Lo Ying Ming 50; Chan Kwok Tung 10; Chow On Chung 10; An Indian Friend 10; Yau Sun Yun 5; Wong Nan Keung 10; Lo Yum Man 5; Chellaram 20; Li 5; Mrs. Hsu Ti Shan 5; Gim Hau Ming 5; Chan Wai Fong 5; Au Bit Tak 5; Cheng Sam Mik 5; Chan Titi Yat 5; Mrs. Yan Lui Shi 5; Yan Chi Kai 5; Chan Chak Ki 10; Leung Ki Zeung, Hong 5; Lu Tak Kung 5; Mrs. Luk 50; Mrs. Wong Kung 10; Ho Suet Ching 5; Mrs. Almeida 10; Irish Free State 15; Cooker Tipp 10; Carroll Bros. 25; J. H. Rutledge 10; R. Hassarum and Co. 5; Tsar Yip Hong 64; Kan Kam Ching 20; Lumber Merchants Assn. 500; Wing Chong Tai 20; Wing Tai Chong Co., Ltd. 100; Wing Shun Hing 10; Woo Yuen 20; Sun Mon 20; Wing On 20; Tung Yick 20; Sam Yick 20; Tung Fat 20; Chung Hing 20; Ho Sing Chau 100; Tung Chong Hong 25; Cheung Liu Leung Kwar Assn. 68; Yuen Wai Yung 10; Hong Yuen Can Co. 10; The Hon. Mr. Li Tse Fong 300; M. W. Lo 100; Chung Hwa Book Co. 1,000; Lee H. Cheung 200; Lui Sui Tak 100; The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. 1,500; Lo Tse Nin 5; Miss Woo Lai Ming 6; Leung Fat 10; Pun Hon 5; Yinson Lee 5; Lam Pul Sang 200; Wing Chong Tai 10; Sweepstake Winners 138.80; Staff of Sanitary Dept. a/c November 131.40; Anonymous 150; J. A. Watson 20; Frank Groves 100; H. S. Jones 50; R. E. Valentine December 20; W. J. Reid December 20; L. C. Baker November/December 20; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Walkden—December 20; Miss H. Turnbull—Nov./Dec. 10; J. S. Dunnett (Monthly) 20; Evan W. Davies (Monthly) 10; Anonymous 20; Some of the Chinese Staff of Hots Wharf 44.03; Ladies Working Party—Union Church 100; Headmistress, Diocesan Girls School Violet Cavell Dancing Display 100; Mr. and Mrs. F. Filippone 100; Chinese Staff—Wilkinson and Grist—Nov. 1910; A. S. Watson and Co. 1,500; Entertainment Committee—American Tennis Tournament 805; D. G. Dav (Monthly) 15; A. H. Guinness (Monthly) 20; Dr. D. J. Valentine (Monthly) 20; H. M. Miller 15. Total \$236,781.96.

## BANKERS' ORDERS

E. W. Davies (Monthly) \$10; Dr. D. J. Valentine (Monthly) 20.

and interest in the work of the Society.

## H.E. THE GOVERNOR

His Excellency replied on behalf of himself and Lady Northcote and said that he did not come expecting to make a speech.

"I feel that you, Mr. Lo, and you, Mr. Chairman, have done myself and my wife an injustice," he said. "It is only natural, I think, that all human beings should take a deep interest in the work of a society of this nature."

Continuing, His Excellency said there was not much he could say on the subject of the conduct of the Society's affairs. There were two points in the report, however, which were of special interest, the increasing number of people under the Society's care and the new experiment of children's clubs.

## SOCIETY'S CLUBS

He was glad to think there was an association among the clubs of this sort and those of the Boys' and Girls Society. He referred to the club started by Mrs. Cain in Cornnaught Road and if these clubs were anything like that club he wished them well. He hoped to visit one of the Society's clubs soon. He was struck by the low cost of maintaining such clubs.

His Excellency said that the fact that the Society had \$950 less in actual cash than it had a year ago was a matter for serious consideration and he hoped that the eloquent appeal made by Sir Atholl MacGregor would succeed by drawing donations from the public next year.

Sir Geoffrey said that whoever had done the graph had performed a public service.

## PRESS THANKED

Mr. F. H. Loebay said:—I have been asked to propose a vote of thanks to the Press for the generous help, which they have given to the Society for the last 12 months.

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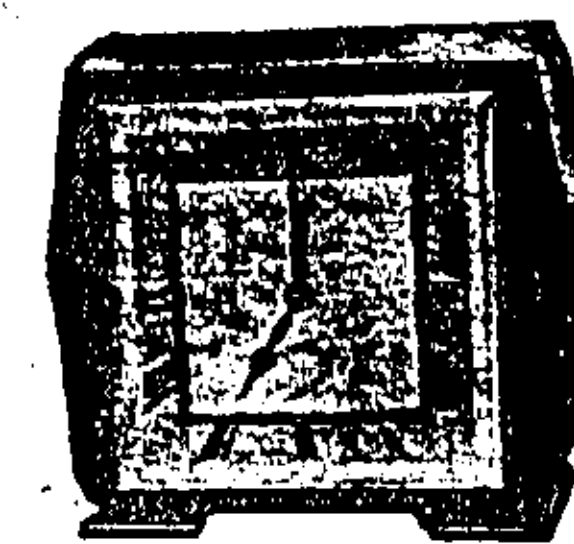


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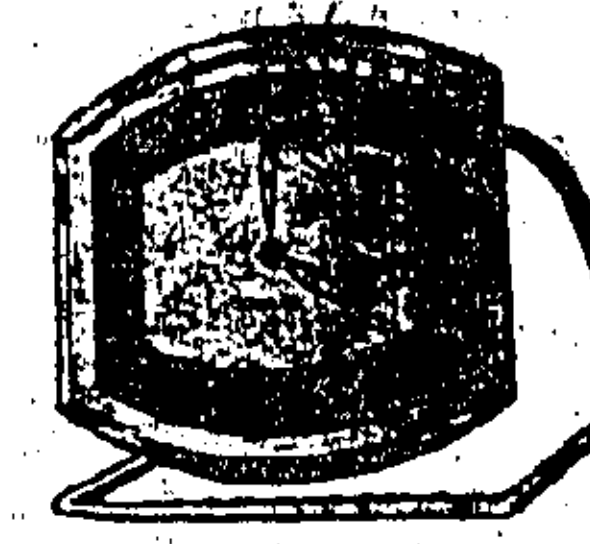
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## King Leaves The Front

## FRENCH GENERALS DECORATED

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Before leaving France, His Majesty the King personally decorated Flying Officer Graveley and Sergt. F. Gardiner with the O. B. E. (Military).

He conferred on a French Cavalry captain the D. S. O. with the Distinguished Flying Medal.

Gen. Gamelin, the French C-in-C, presented the Croix de Guerre to a British pilot sergeant.

His Majesty invested Gen. Gamelin with the Grand Cross of the Bath and General Georges with the Grand Cross of the British Empire.

## TWO BRAVE DEEDS

Flying Officer Graveley, it will be recalled, showed a total disregard of his own safety when he pulled his observer from his plane which was shot down in flames.

Sergt. Gardiner who was the observer in a plane which had been seriously damaged by the enemy, kept the plane on an accurate course despite a wound over his eye and when the plane caught fire on landing he put out the burning clothes of the wireless operator.

years, for seven of which I was an officer, the Society has received the most generous help from the Press. Advertisement space and news columns have been given without stint and without charge. But we have received much more than this.

Our officers have always had the personal help and advice of the editors and other members of the Fourth Estate, in addition to candid and helpful criticism both public and private. Probably, when all things are taken into account, criticism is the most valuable of all these gifts.

I can, therefore, assure the Press that the help we have received is sincerely appreciated.

Mr. S. V. Boxer proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chair and the meeting was then declared closed.

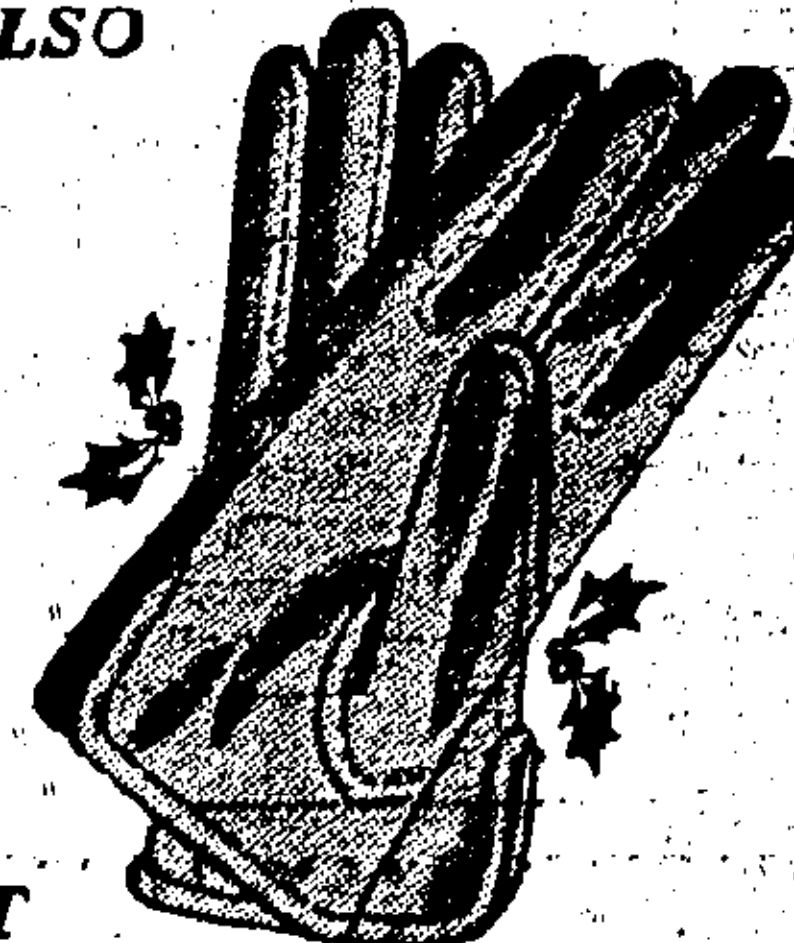
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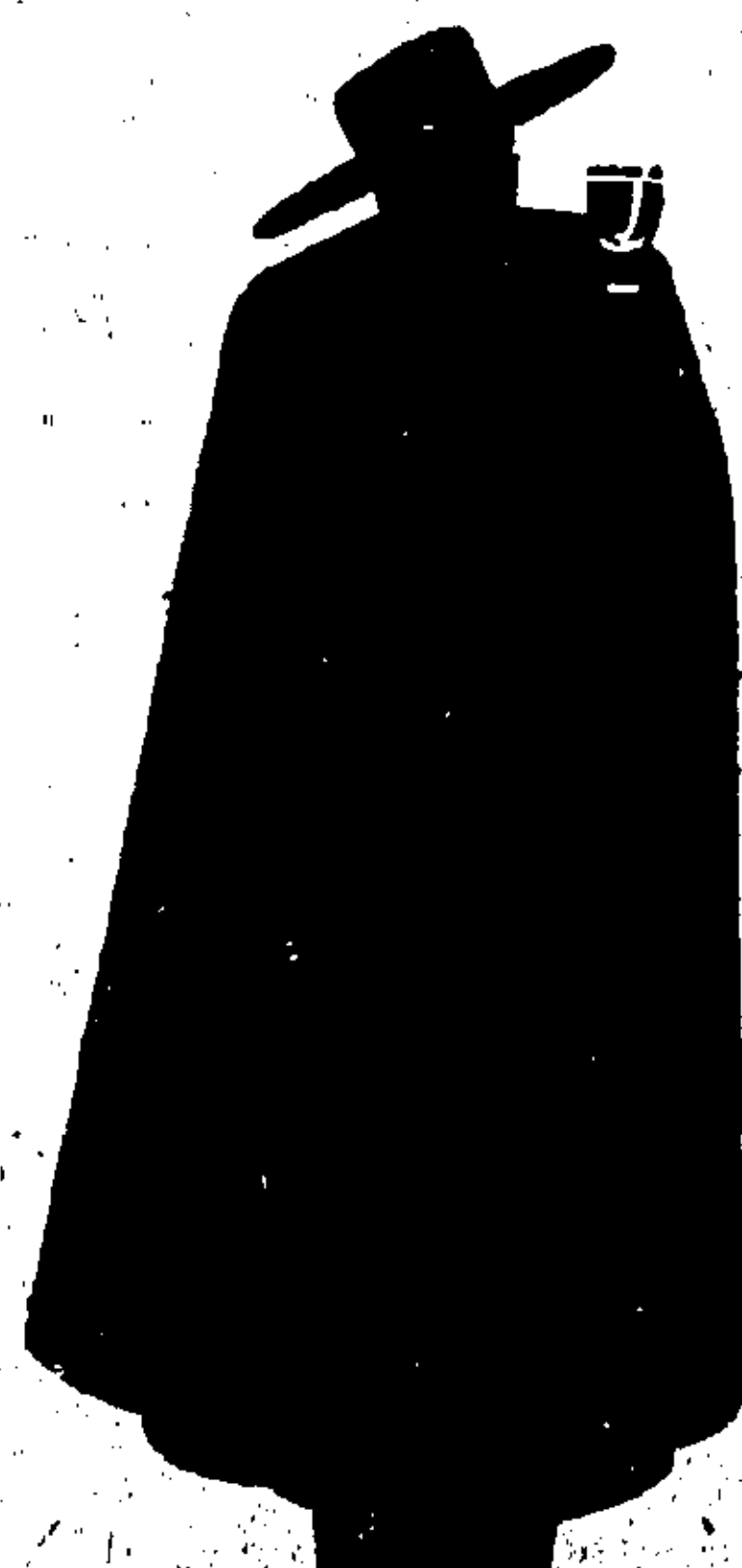


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"ROPNER'S  
NAVY"Merchantmen's  
Engagement  
With U-Boats

Behind the statement by Colonel Leonard Ropner, Conservative M.P. for Barking and West Ham, in the House of Commons that two U-boats had been disabled by ships of "Ropner's Navy" and finally sunk by destroyers, is a story of the skill of the British merchant service.

Colonel Ropner is director of the firm of Sir R. Ropner and Co., Ltd., controlling a large number of cargo boats, and he said in the debate following the statement by Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Shipping, on the success of the convoy system: "I am told that in the Admiralty 'Ropner's Navy' is almost as well known as his Majesty's."

A reporter learned that one of the Ropner ships was homeward bound and the other outward bound when the submarines were seen to rise to the surface. When the U-boat attacked the captain of one of the ships gave orders to man the guns, and the men took on with zeal the task of engaging the raider. Shot was answered with shot and the ship was able to outmanoeuvre the U-boat by zig-zagging swiftly.

There was a running fight for nearly five hours. One of the shells from the ship scored a direct hit on the U-boat's conning tower. The ship was struck, too, by a shot from the submarine, but the damage was not sufficient to disable her.

"CLICK TO RESPOND"

Meanwhile, wireless messages had been sent out, and British destroyers were quick to respond. Then the fate of the submarine became certain.

After a similar engagement the submarine which attacked the second ship was also sent to the bottom.

When the captains of the ships returned to port they spoke with enthusiasm of the "extraordinary pluck" of their crews. "They went into action with the submarine as if they had been used to it all their lives," said one skipper.—Manchester Guardian.

CHARITY MAY LOSE  
£300,000

Hospitals and other charities may have to give back £300,000 which they received from the estate of Mr. Caleb Diplock, of Southdown Hall, Polegate, near Eastbourne.

Mr. Diplock died in 1938 at the age of 85, leaving estate valued at over £500,000. Now, three years later, an elderly man living in Australia who says he is a cousin, has challenged the will.

BRITISH OVERSEAS  
AIRWAYS

Mr. Walter Leslie Runciman was appointed chief executive member, with the title of director-general, at the first meeting on December 1 of the British Overseas Airways Corporation.

The other members are Sir John Reith, chairman, and Mr. Clive Pearson, deputy chairman.—The Times.

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WRAITHS IN  
GENEVA

WHAT WAS TO BE the Parliament of Nations on the shores of Lake Geneva has indeed fallen upon evil days. Compounded of equal parts of the Treaty of Versailles, the "Cordon Sanitaire" against the westward advance of the revolutions, which marked the end of the last war, and the true and deep desire of the peoples of the world for peace it never overcame the contradictions of which it was born. Today, we are compelled to recognize that the League never had any existence or aim, in the broad political sense, apart from existence and aims of its individual members, which remained pretty much what they had been before its foundation.

ALMOST AT BIRTH, the League of Nations found itself faced by situations in which its members threw professions into the discard and adjusted themselves as best they could, using the machinery ostensibly designed for a very different purpose, to the old and unpleasant game of Power politics. When, in 1921, Poland, a member state, tore Vilna from the body of Lithuania, another member, nothing was done. Disarmament conferences and talks on reparations failed consistently until they were rendered obsolete by the old lawless method of unilateral action—take it or leave it. By the time Japan invaded Manchuria and precipitated the new world war which has now spread to a large proportion of mankind, the impotence of the League was already an old story.

WITH THE WITHDRAWAL of Japan, Germany, and, later, Italy, the organization began, for a time, to have a different complexion. No longer hampered by the presence of its avowed enemies around the Council table (Italian delegates declared repeatedly that they attended not to help the League but to show it up) its composition began really to correspond to that part of the world's countries which was really interested in the preservation of peace and the curbing of the rampant international robberies taking place in the East and the West—the small states whose existence was menaced by the impending conflict of the Titans and the strong "peaceful" nations which, between them, possessed the power to really arrest the spread of war. This was the League's great opportunity, the moment when the hopes which had been reposed in it by the world's peoples seemed really and concretely to be capable of fulfilment.

THE IMPOSITION of sanctions upon Italy, while it did not have the desired effect, was the high point of the existence of the League as the embodiment of the desire of men of good will for peace. However, the Abyssinian episode also had its Hoare-Laval ramp, and, as the League machinery appeared to acquire power, the forces conspiring to wreck it grew also. To the tragedy of Spain, the body had nothing to contribute except the cynical farce of non-intervention. The outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war gave further illustrations of its endless capacity for trimming on issues of principle, though it led to a more satisfactory formula than that which

## CORRESPONDENCE

## "POUND DAY"

(To the Editor, The Hongkong Daily Press)

Sir,—Would you grant me space in your valuable paper to thank every one who helped to make the Pound Day such a great success. The interest that was shown, the gifts, and the beautiful spirit in which they were given, were truly an evidence of the public appreciation of the work that is being carried on at 2, Embankment Road; and has inspired us to make "Pound Day" an annual event; hoping that the Chinese Community will also co-operate in the future, as the Home is entirely for the welfare of Chinese women and children.

I especially desire to thank the organisers of the Pound Day, Mrs. Costello, Mrs. Yale and Mrs. Rushworth-Ward, and Major Manners, of the Star Ferry Company, The Helena May Institute, The Women's Auxiliary, S.F.C. Old City Hall, and the Press for their kind co-operation and help.

Also Mrs. Purves, 275, The Peak, who gave a Tennis Tournament the same day, which resulted in a cheque for \$100, being gratefully received at the Home.

To every donor and well wisher we desire to express our gratitude.  
DOROTHY BRAZIER,  
DORIS G. LEMMON,  
O.I.C.

MR. EDEN ON  
HIS TOUR

Mr. Eden and the Dominion Ministers arrived in London recently, and were met at the station by the Duke of Devonshire, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Dominions Office, and a number of officials.

"Our visit," said Mr. Eden, "has been an impressive and inspiring experience. On the British Front we found everyone working hard and in good heart, despite the weather conditions. It is the same old mud."

"On the French Front we all greatly valued the opportunity of seeing the unmatched French army and the superb defences which the French nation has created for its own defence and ours."

"We have special reason to be grateful for the untiring vigilance of the French army, whose calm confidence is an inspiration for all."

Mr. Eden, formerly an officer in the King's Royal Rifle Corps, served in France in the last war.—Daily Telegraph.

spelled the doom of Spain. The formal condemnation of Japan and the appeal to individual member states to do what they could, in their independent capacities, to aid China, created a legal basis for the considerable aid received by this country from the Soviet Union and the varying degrees of assistance from Britain and, indirectly, the non-member United States.

BY THE MIDDLE of this year, the prestige and effectiveness of the League had relapsed again to the point where it was hard to see what further service its machinery could render to the cause of peace. Appeals from China were rejected out of hand. The fate of Austria and Czechoslovakia failed to revitalise it. The Peace Front against Nazi aggression never materialised, either under the aegis of the League or outside it.

TODAY, awakened unceremoniously from its slumbers, the rump League appears on the scene shorn of prestige and meaning, a sad shade of lost opportunities. In the great crisis through which the world is passing, each State will, of course, follow its own interests, whether they are the legitimate interests of self-defence, like those of China, or the highly suspect speculative ones of a country like Italy, which, being, it is suddenly discovered, not quite out, seems to be ready to reappear on the rostrum in a blaze of demagoguery. Considering the unfortunate history of the Geneva institution and the fact that it has operated only on the sufferance of the powerful national units which it was designed to supersede, nothing different can, of course, be expected.

SCIENCE  
LEFT OUT  
OF WAR?Services Not  
Being Used

No lead is being taken for using science for national purposes, declared Professor J. D. Bernal discussing, at the annual council meeting in London of the Association of Scientific Workers, the question of a proposed Ministry of Science. He argued that the organisation of science had very largely broken down.

"We have the case of our own president, who has not been used by the Government, and of many experts who have not been called on at all," he said.

The situation as it affected scientists was today deplorable and dangerous. Scientific knowledge was not being used to the best advantage in connection with problems of health and food supplies.

"The scientists' solution will not be accepted except in the greatest and most dangerous emergencies," he concluded.

## "NO JOB AT ALL"

The president (Professor F. G. Donnan) declared: "I have no job at all. I am regarded as one who may have done something in the last war, but not now. Perhaps in the next war I shall be all right, but I am not very busy now."

On an amendment from the executive it was decided that the association should in the present circumstances abandon its plans for the Ministry.

It was agreed, however, that the executive should take the initiative in pressing for the establishment of a national council independent of Government administration and consisting of representative scientific and technical personnel with the object of achieving the efficient organisation and adequate use of the scientific resources of the country.

Regarding war-time conditions with extra work and no overtime pay, Professor Holman said: "The general attitude seems to be that scientists are people who expect lower salaries than those in comparable positions in other spheres."

After other speakers had said that industrial scientists were suffering financially it was decided to call conferences in London and other centres to deal with problems of war-time conditions.

BRONZE STATUE  
OF MARSHAL WU

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central)—Chinese circles in Shanghai are planning to erect a bronze statue to perpetuate the memory of the late Marshal Wu Pei-fu, according to a Shanghai report. Funds for this purpose are now being collected by the various newspaper offices.

Tom Mooney, who was pardoned after nearly 30 years in prison for his alleged share in a San Francisco bomb outrage, is seriously ill in a Pittsburgh, U.S.A., hotel. He will be moved to hospital for treatment when he is well enough.

REFUGEES PRODUCE IN SHENSI  
INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATIVES

Refugees from east of the Yellow River and from the Yangtze Valley are being provided for in the southern half of Shensi Province, it is learned from the Hongkong Promotion Committee of the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives.

Set up in small industrial co-operative units over 3,000 refugees are producing close to the front-line areas.

Right in Shan, the often-bombed ancient capital of China, are some nine of these worker-managed shops. The three largest are working on a 400,000-woollen blanket order recently given to the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, while the others turn out clothing, bandages, shoes, and printed matter.

## SOCIAL IMPROVEMENT

Along with the organisation of these refugees for work have come ideas of social improvement in nursery schools for their children, common kitchens that save both time and fuel, and public health lectures by visiting doctors and nurses.

All these community costs are borne by groups of co-operatives after the members vote in their weekly meetings to support such projects. In this way, the will of the group is directed for the welfare of all the members.

## WOMEN REFUGEES

One of the tailoring co-operatives is made up entirely of women refugees who have come from Mukden, 1,000 miles to the north-east. They are working on double shifts to finish an order for 20,000 suits of clothing and 20,000 pairs of leg wrappings.

The co-operative for bandage-

REPRESSIVE  
NAZI DECREES  
AGAINST JEWS

BERLIN, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—Two further repressive Nazi decrees have been issued.

The first states that Jews will no longer have clothing rationing cards, which means they can neither get new clothes nor materials to repair their old ones. They are also forbidden leather for footwear.

The other decree imposes the death penalty for all involving the use of firearms or other dangerous weapons.

L.M.S. LEAD  
THE WAY:  
FIRMS BACK  
IN LONDON

London is getting a little nearer normality. It is announced that lighting good enough to read by is to be restored in L.M.S. suburban trains.

The L.N.E.R. and Great Western will make a similar announcement very shortly, and the Southern Railway is also working out a scheme.

London Transport has also experimented, and is now awaiting sanction from the Ministry of Transport, the Air Ministry and the Home Office to install better lighting on the Underground, in buses, trolleybuses and trams.

These signs that common sense is leaving the spirit of emergency are supported by the experiments which Home Office experts are making to provide street lighting without making London conspicuous from the air.

## BUSINESS FIRMS BACK

Again London's government is shedding its emergency overalls. It is expected that the City's Common Council Emergency Committee will announce that they have scrapped the plan to govern the City for the rest of the war, and have reverted to normal procedure. St. Marylebone has abolished its Emergency Committee, and the L.C.C. is now meeting regularly.

Many business firms have come back from the country; London's elementary schools are to reopen; more buses are running; and the big hospitals, which were almost entirely cleared to make way for war casualties, are resuming their normal work.

Remember, too that shops in London are now open till 7 p.m., and that 20 West End theatres are open till 11.15 p.m., and half the cinemas in central London till 11 p.m.—Evening Standard.

FINNS RIDICULE  
SOVIET CLAIM

HELSINKI, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The Soviets have been claiming that when the Soviet troops landed on one of the islands in the Gulf of Finland, the inhabitants greeted them with open arms.

Finnish circles in Helsinki smile at this report, pointing out that "the inhabitants" on this particular island consist of four coast-guardians and a lighthouse-keeper.

The island was bombed and shelled, but the five men escaped to the mainland before a single Soviet soldier set foot on the island.

COMPLETE MANIFESTO  
OF SIXTH PLENARY  
SESSION, KUOMINTANGSECOND PERIOD OF RESISTANCE SEES  
LAYING OF FOUNDATION FOR VICTORY

Reaffirming that the two great tasks facing the Chinese people, Reconstruction and Resistance, are of equal importance, the Sixth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang issued a stirring manifesto, when it adjourned in Chungking on Monday afternoon, November 20. The statement not merely outlines the basic principles for carrying out the dual work, but gives cogent reasons why not only the people of China, but those of the rest of the world should seek security and well-being. The first instalment of the manifesto follows:

For the sixth time we have sat in plenary session, and since we assembled on the anniversary of Dr. Sun's birth we have heard reports on the state of party, military and political affairs and accounts of what investigation parties sent to the front have observed and experienced of the popular feeling and morale prevailing there, in the war areas, and behind the enemy lines.

The session has to record its sense of the profound significance of the progress that has been made and the victories that have been won during the past ten months. All that has been achieved is to be attributed to the bravery of officers and men at the front and the unyielding exertions of the people in the war areas; while the unsparing efforts in the service of their country put forth by those in positions of responsibility in the rear, among whom technical experts have shown themselves servants and social workers generally, deserve no less recognition for the immense contribution they have made to the prosecution of the war and advance of Reconstruction. We reverently salute the memory of all those officers and men who have died in the fulfilment of their duty; and to those now facing the enemy we offer the warmest assurances of our regard. To our fellow-countrymen abroad who have given their wealth or their services to the national cause we express our deep respect and appreciation.

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FOUNDATIONS OF VICTORY  
LAID

During the period of our deliberations we have reflected in all earnestness upon the future of national affairs, and our conclusion is that the military foundation for victory has been well and truly laid. What is now required of every single fellow-countryman is active participation in the faith the Tsungli (Dr. Sun Yat-sen) gave us in his testament. Let our whole weight be thrown into the mighty task of Resistance in order that a day may come when the nation stands fully rehabilitated, the Three Principles are realized, and the people are advancing into that future which their immense responsibility to mankind demands they shall tread. What we have called Victory and Reconstruction have by now committed us not only to an irrevocable decision, but also to an inalienable personal obligation. They are two ideals, the attainment of which lies at the end of one road.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

WANG CHING-WEI'S CHUNGKING ACTIVE  
NEW "MILITARY  
ACADEMY"

SHANGHAI, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—The Hungjiao Sanatorium, on Hungjiao Road, which has been lying empty for over two years flying the Italian flag, has been taken over by the Japanese Army.

The purpose for which the place is to be used has not been announced, but it is believed in some circles that it will be used as barracks for the Tsiao (Japanese sponsored) Puppet Police or even for Wang Ching-wei's new "Military Academy."

INCOME TAX IN  
CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central)—The total amount of Income Tax collected in Chungking is expected to pass the \$5,000,000 mark by the end of this year. The amount from January to the end of November already reached \$4,800,000, according to estimates.

It is interesting to recall that the Income Tax estimate for the whole country was put at \$5,000,000 in 1938.

Levy of the Excess Profit Tax, which was to begin as from January this year, has been postponed to January next year. The total amount to be collected yearly is expected to reach \$1,000,000.

## COCKNEY COMMENT

Overheard in the Strand: "Why didn't they sound the sirens for the air raid on the Forth?" "Oh, Scotsmen don't care. The only time they take cover is on a flag day."

## WORTH TRYING

"The story which appeals to the American public is the magnificent undertaking of handling children, orphans, refugees, reorganizing hospital and medical units, industrial co-operatives, establishing and reuniting educational units—all these under hardships—yet everyone seems wholeheartedly behind the task. The answer always comes back—It's worth trying, anyhow!"

"One thing I learned on this trip—Wang Ching-wei has no supporters for his movement," the writer noted.

After a few days here Mr. Young will sail for Shanghai to meet his family who are arriving there from Tokyo. He commented that he had "written enough material for a book and had enough pictures for a museum" after visiting Chungking and Kunming.



# INTENSIFIED ATTACK BY SOVIET ON FINLAND'S "WASP WAIST," BUT FINNS READY TO CHECK RUSSIAN ADVANCE

## Heavy Fighting Going On In Karelian Sector

HELSINKI, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Finns are continuing to hold their own at all points, judging from the latest reports.

Intensified Russian attacks are taking place at Soussalmi, the narrowest part of Finland, often known as the country's "Wasp Waist," evidently with a view to driving through to the Gulf of Bothnia and splitting the country in two.

The Finns have taken all precautions against the Soviet advance in this sector.

## Finns Fight Back Strongly

### FRIMUS UNIFORMS OF RUSSIANS

HELSINKI, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Finns are fighting back strongly in the important Rovaniemi sector, in northern Finland, against a strong Russian attack, according to reports from that district this morning.

The Finns have taken Russian prisoners, many with poor equipment and only with the frims uniforms to withstand the icy cold which is now below zero.

#### STANDING FIRM

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The correspondent of the National Tidende at the Finnish frontier states there was headway in the fighting taking place in the Arctic twilight near Petsamo with powerful searchlights flooding the battlefield. He says the Finns are standing firm.

#### STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE

BUCHAREST, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Fifteen hundred participated in the latest students' demonstration outside the Finnish Legation as a mark of sympathy to Finland.

#### LITTLE DAMAGE

Special to the H.K. Daily Press OSLO, Dec. 11 (Havas).—It is reported that Soviet planes heavily bombed the Finnish village of Haukilahti near the Norwegian border. However, most of the bombs fell in the neighbouring woods doing little damage.

The total Soviet losses during the two attacks against Petsamo and Salmijarvi yesterday are estimated at nearly 500 killed and 200 prisoners while the Finnish losses were comparatively light. The morale of the Finnish troops is excellent and the Finns are enjoying a marked advantage in being splendid skiers and used to the rigours of the Arctic winter.

#### HITLER'S VAIN ATTEMPT

Special to the H.K. Daily Press LONDON, Dec. 11 (Havas).—The Daily Herald's Helsinki correspondent learns that Hitler vainly attempted to stop Soviet military operations in Finland.

He added that Herr Graf von Schulenburg, German Ambassador in Moscow, brought Hitler's proposals to M. Molotov, whom he strongly urged to start peace negotiations with Finland, but met with a categorical refusal.

## B.E.F. NOW FACING THE NAZIS

### NO CASUALTIES YET REPORTED

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F. states that for the first time since the war began British troops are face to face with the German forces. A portion of the B.E.F. is now under the French Command occupying a portion of the Maginot Line outside the British Zone.

There has been some patrol activity and occasional mutual shelling on this part of the front, but there were no British casualties.

## AIR BATTLE OFF N.E. COAST

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Machine-gun fire was heard in the air off the North-East coast yesterday afternoon. Some time earlier two planes, believed to be German, were seen flying high in the vicinity. The challenge of these machines by R.A.F. fighters apparently explains the firing.

#### GERMAN PLANES

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—It is reported here that German planes have been carrying out reconnaissance flights in the Baltic.

## "Fight For Independence And Honour"

### FINNS' APPEAL TO THE WORLD

HELSINKI, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—AN APPEAL TO ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD NOT TO LET FINLAND FIGHT ALONE. WAS ISSUED BY THE FINNISH PARLIAMENT, WHICH MET YESTERDAY.

THE APPEAL DECLARES: "THE FINNISH PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE, LIBERTY AND HONOUR. WE ARE DEFENDING OUR RELIGION, HOMES AND ALL THAT CIVILISED PEOPLE CONSIDER SACRED."

"So far we have been fighting alone against an enemy which invades our territory, although in actual fact it is a question of defending everything humanity holds most precious."

"We have proved our will to do all we can in this fight. Our position as the advance-post of western civilisation, entitles us expect active assistance from all civilised nations."

#### NATIONS REACT

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Reports from different parts of the world indicate the growing reaction to Soviet aggression against Finland.

In Sweden, the chief of the General Staff, Gen. Terno, has been appointed acting C-in-C. of the Swedish Forces, a step only taken in time of peril.

He said: "In the present time, the defence of freedom and the right of self-determination of the Fatherland puts everything else in the background."

In Norway, a section of the civilian population, mostly women and children, are moving south from the northern regions.

In Belgium, students of Liege University marched through the city carrying banners declaring against Soviet aggression and Asiatic barbarity.

In the United States, a large American manufacturing concern turned down a Soviet order worth thousands of sterling for machinery.

#### CREDIT FOR FINLAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has announced the granting of \$10,000,000 credit to Finland for the purchase of agricultural supplies and other civilian supplies.

Similar credits to Norway are under consideration.

In the area, but the Finns say that the Soviet attacks have been repulsed with a heavy loss of tanks, armoured cars and artillery.

#### FINNISH CLAIMS

Finnish reports states that three Soviet planes have been brought down and that Finnish planes bombed Soviet troops. The Soviet Naval Base at Kronstadt was also bombed.

The Military Law in Finland now applies to civilians while an £8-500,000 loan has been authorised.

#### SCORCHED EARTH

MOSCOW, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Uninformative bulletins from the Red Army during the past two days do not indicate much progress in the Finnish campaign, while the graphic and possibly too revealing reports from war correspondents have largely disappeared from the Soviet newspapers.

It is stated that the Finns are laying waste the country before retreating, removing their cattle and destroying food and firing the villages.

## WESTERN FRONT

### French Claim Victory

### POST ABANDONED & RE-OCCUPIED

PARIS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The French claim a victory in an intensive miniature battle which raged throughout twenty-four hours for possession of a small, but highly important, French outpost in the wooded Saarbrücken area.

#### ARTILLERY BARRAGE

The Germans opened with terrific artillery barrage, shelling the post with heavy stuff and the French troops gave way slowly to the German forces following up the barrage.

The German occupation of the post lasted roughly four hours. French artillery for miles round concentrated on the post, compelling the Germans to abandon the position, which French infantry later re-occupied.

#### PATROL ACTIVITY

Increased patrol activity is noted in the Moselle, Saar River and Vosges sectors and there have been sharp skirmishes in "No Man's Land."

## Not Quiet On The Western Front

### WAR COMMUNIQUE EXPLAINED

PARIS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—When an official communique states that there is nothing important to report it does not mean that there is no fighting, declared M. Charles Morice, writing in the Petit Parisien, in regard to fighting on the Western Front.

Fighting is different from the last time, but it is still fighting. Daily, from one end of the battle front to the other, some 40 units, 20 on either side, totalling between 1,600 to 2,000 men each, are in contact.

Fighting occurs in unoccupied territory between the two advance lines of defence which in some places are separated by four to five miles.

Both sides fight with the aid of machine-guns, hand-grenades and artillery.

The test of strength takes place on open ground which is enclosed by small posts occupied during the day and is almost always evacuated in the night-time.

M. Morice concludes that often it is ferocious fighting.

#### NOTHING IMPORTANT

PARIS, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Today's war communique says that there is nothing important to report.

## NAZIS DENY SUPPLY OF ARMS TO FINLAND

### Moscow Also Casts Doubts On Report

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—An emphatic denial that Germany ever delivered war materials to Finland was broadcast by the Official German Wireless.

The announcer declared that these allegations were only destined to disturb German-Russian relations.

#### NO COMMENT

MOSCOW, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The official newspaper, Pravda, prints the report that Germany and Italy are delivering arms to Finland, but does not comment on this.

The heading to the article, however, casts doubt on the truth of the report, which, nevertheless is confirmed in Rome.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Swedish steamer Vindor has sunk after an explosion caused presumably by a mine. The crew of twenty-one were rescued by a Norwegian vessel.

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## CHINA WAR NEWS

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points were set on fire and burned out.

At Sunmichang, fierce fighting lasted for more than three hours before the Chinese withdrew.

#### COUNTER ATTACK

LOYANG, Dec. 11 (Central).—Chinese forces are making steady progress in their general counter-offensive in the Chungtiao Mountain area, in South Shanxi.

Bitter combats are still raging in the Machiamiao Sector, north-east of Hsiangshien where about 3,000 Japanese are stubbornly holding out.

Some 300 Japanese at Tsing-shansun, east of Machiamiao, have been dislodged from their positions. The Chinese are now making a flanking movement to bottle up the enemy in Machiamiao.

On the Hsiangshien sector, over 1,000 Japanese are being surrounded in the hilly regions between Hanchialing and Taling.

The Japanese have suffered heavy casualties in the engagements. Col. Morito, who was commanding the enemy troops, is reported to have been fatally wounded and subsequently succumbed.

#### CHINESE SIEGE

FANCHENG, Dec. 11 (Central).—Chinese forces have tightened their siege on Chuantiao, East Anhwei town, and Wankiang, Central Anhwei city. Several Japanese attempts to break through the Chinese cordon were frustrated during the week-end.

#### CHINESE RAID

KINHWAI, Dec. 11 (Central).—In a daring night attack, Chinese units smashed into Kashing, on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, in North Chekiang, last week. The bogus police bureau was wrecked and many puppet policemen were killed.

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## BRITISH I.P.C.'S POLICY IN WAR - TIME: BETTER INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

CHUNGKING, DEC. 11 (CENTRAL).—THE BRITISH NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAS RECENTLY SENT A MESSAGE TO GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK, OFFERING CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT CHINESE MILITARY VICTORIES, MAINTAINS THAT FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN RIGHTING THE WRONG OF TODAY BY COMPELLING THE AGGRESSOR TO ACCEPT EQUITABLE TERMS IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BETTER INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM WHEREBY THE RECURRENCE OF WAR IS RENDERED IMPOSSIBLE, ACCORDING TO THEIR RECENT STATEMENT OF WAR-TIME POLICY JUST RECEIVED HERE BY THE CHINA BRANCH OF THE I. P. C.

In the British I. P. C.'s view, this main objective can only be achieved by establishing a collective peace system which is sufficiently strong, through its control of collective power, to restrain any potential peace-breakers; sufficiently just to provide means for peaceful and equitable settlement of all kinds of international disputes; representative and democratic enough to enlist the loyal support of all the peoples concerned; and equipped for much more extensive economic and social services than hitherto rendered by the League and International Labour Office.

#### ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

Admitting the necessity of modifications and substantial strengthening additions, the British group is none the less convinced that all the essential elements of the Covenant of 1919 are still indispensable.

Regarding the war now proceeding in Europe, the British I. P. C., while expressing an ardent desire for an end of the war as soon as possible, mentions as two primary conditions "the restoration of genuine independence to the Polish and Czechoslovak peoples, and an effective guarantee against further aggression."

#### I. P. C. STATEMENT

"The world war which may result is the price that must be paid for the folly of the governments which have abandoned the Covenant of the League of Nations in recent years."

So declares the International Peace Campaign in a statement on European hostilities, which has just been received by the I. P. C. China Branch.

"The authors of the Covenant foresaw," the statement proceeds, "that peace was indivisible; that once aggression was allowed to go unrestrained, force would again become the decisive factor in all international relations. But their system was allowed to collapse and

## WAR WAIFS IN CHENGTU

CHENGTTU, Dec. 11 (Central).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has issued a strict order for the care and education of the war waifs in Chengtu.

During his last visit to the Szechwan provincial capital, Generalissimo Chiang was struck by the large number of child refugees in the city and their miserable conditions.

The National Relief Commission has appropriated a sum of \$40,000 for the shelter of the waifs.

## NANTAO OPENED

SHANGHAI, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Almost two years after the occupation by the Japanese of Nantao, a Chinese district bordering the French Concession here, was opened today.

Large numbers of Chinese visited the area in search of possible houses, hoping that they will be able to make the rent of houses cheaper than in the foreign areas where exorbitant rates are asked.



## LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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## Dutch Motor Ship Sunk By Mine

### BELGIAN VESSEL BREAKS UP

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Dutch motor ship *Immingham* (398 tons) struck a mine off Callantsoog, in North Holland. Her crew of seven were rescued.

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Belgian steamer *Kabinda* (5,000 tons), bound from Pernambuco to Antwerp, grounded off the south-east coast on Dec. 8. She has now broken her back and become a complete wreck.

The crew, numbering forty, with fifty other persons, engaged in dumping the cargo in the sea and at 1.30 a.m. the ship broke in halves, but all were saved uninjured.

## BRITISH EMPIRE UNITY A REAL FACT

LISBON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—In an interview here, Col. Reitz, South African Minister for Native Affairs, said that the unity of the British Empire is a real fact.

"I who have not a drop of British blood in me, declare that the closer we are, the better it is for all."

They fully realised the necessity for strengthening their ties with Britain and other members of the Commonwealth at a time when imperialist nations were threatening the stability of the world.

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## TUESDAY'S MENU

### BREAKFAST

Apple Sauce  
Cereal  
Jelly Omelet  
Coffee

### LUNCHEON

Navy Bean Soup  
Cucumber Salad  
Meat Loaf  
Mushroom Sauce  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Peas  
Stewed Corn  
Jello  
Tea

### DINNER

Rice, Broth  
Cole Slaw Salad  
Roast Pork  
Apple Dumplings  
Creamed Cauliflower  
String Beans  
Lemon Pie  
Coffee

## ALLEGED FORGED MORTGAGES FORM SUBJECT OF ACTION IN THE SUPREME COURT

TWO ALLEGED FORGED MORTGAGES FORM THE CORE OF AN ACTION which commenced at the Supreme Court yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, wherein Chan Fui-hing, Chan Sik-tin and Chan Kwok-nin are seeking a declaration from the Court that the mortgages are forgeries and are null and void, that the defendant, Fung Kai-sun, has no right to the property and an injunction against the defendant from collecting or receiving the rents or acting as mortgagee of the property.

The plaintiffs also seek an account of all rents and profits relating to the property and received by the defendant since he entered into possession as well as rectification in the Land Office Register.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. C. D'Almada, represent the three joint plaintiffs, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson, are for the defence.

Mr. Potter said, the two mortgages which the plaintiffs stated were forgeries, were alleged to have been made on October 29, 1937, and November 2, 1938, and were purported to be for \$55,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

### EQUAL SHARE

Plaintiffs were owners in equal share of Inland Lot No. 1828 on which two houses had been built No. 300 Des Voeux Road Central and No. 92 Wing Lok Street. The former was formerly occupied by the Kwong Fook Shing firm, and the date of purchase, so far as the first and third plaintiffs were concerned, was on May 30, 1925. The second plaintiff acquired his share on November 29, 1937.

The first plaintiff was a native of Sha Kau Village, Shun Tak District, and had been in business as a grocer in Mauritius for 40 years. He retired in 1929 but prior to that he had visited South China, including Hongkong, on four occasions. The last visit before his retirement was in 1924 when he stayed for three years in his village, and during that time he occasionally visited Hongkong. Whilst in the Colony he invariably stayed at the Kwong Fook Shing firm, which was then owned by a clansman of his.

In May, 1925, when he was on one of his occasional visits, it was suggested to him that perhaps it was a good investment if he purchased Inland Lot No. 1828. He considered the proposition and found it was impossible to purchase the lot by himself as it involved too much money—\$110,000.

### ORIGINAL OWNER

However, it was eventually agreed that he should buy the property with the third plaintiff, whose father was the original owner. The property was then held in trust for the third plaintiff and others, and at the time of the purchase he was entitled to a share in the estate.

It was also arranged that the rents were to be collected by and the deeds left with the Kwong Fook Shing firm, which had done so for years for the original owner. This position remained until 1933 when the firm closed down, and the collection of rents as well as the deeds were then entrusted to Chan Chung-wah, a brother of the third plaintiff.

With regard to the mortgage to the Overseas Bank in May, 1935, which document, purported to secure banking facilities for the third plaintiff and which the other plaintiffs were alleged to have guaranteed, the first plaintiff would say that he had no recollection of being in Hongkong that year.

He would also say that there was no reason why he should have pledged his property to guarantee the third plaintiff or any other person. In fact, he did not dream of doing it, and it would be proved beyond all possible doubt that the signature on that mortgage was not his.

### OCTOBER MORTGAGE

Dealing with the mortgage alleged to have been made on October 29, 1937, Mr. Potter said he had a large volume of evidence which would prove beyond doubt that the first plaintiff was not in Hongkong at that time. The facts which he relied on for this were that following the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, a rice conservation committee was formed in Sha Kau village and the first plaintiff was busy looking after the subscriptions, having been appointed treasurer.

Referring to the other mortgage said to have been transacted on November 2, 1938, Counsel said the first plaintiff would say that he paid three visits to Hongkong during that year but at the date in question he was in Sha Kau village because the Japanese forces had landed in South China.

As there was grave danger of their advancing to that part of the country where the village was situated, his committee had decided to distribute the rice which had been conserved the previous year and he was thus busily engaged at the time the mortgage was alleged to have been made. Actually, the village was captured on November 4.

Towards the end of May last, the first plaintiff came to Hongkong and it was as a result of a communication which he received from the second plaintiff that he discovered the swindle.

### TOO ILL TO WALK

The second plaintiff, continued counsel, was also a native of Sha Kau village and had been in business in Hongkong, having been for a period of six years until 1933 the manager of the Kwong Fook Shing firm. He purchased a share of the property on November 29, 1937, from one Chan Yam-tong, and at the time the mortgages were alleged to have been made he was in the village, being too ill to walk. He would also say that the signature was not his.

Referring to the third plaintiff, Mr. Potter said his father was the original owner of the property. Apart from the two mortgages in dispute, he did in fact sign two others.

The first was a mortgage in 1926 to his wife, Siu Yiu-teng, for \$35,000, but he would say that actually no money was passed and that, rightly or wrongly, he made that deed because he was afraid that an attempt was going to be made to hold him responsible for the debt of a certain firm of which he said he was not concerned.

That mortgage was subsequently re-assigned and another put through in May, 1935 for a similar reason. The mortgage was one Chu Hol-chuen, and it was interesting to note that she was the wife of Chan Chung-wah. This mortgage was re-assigned a year later without the knowledge of the third plaintiff and before the mortgage to the Overseas Bank was put through.

The signature of the third plaintiff on these two mortgages was genuine, but when these were subsequently examined he said the signature was not his. He said that his signature had been obliterated by some chemical process and two others, purported to be his, written in its place.

As regards the Overseas Bank mortgage, the third plaintiff would say he was in the country worshipping tombs at the time. He would also say that the signature on the other two deeds in dispute was not his. In fact he did not know of this swindle until he was informed by the other plaintiff in June last.

### EVIDENCE CALLED

Giving evidence, first plaintiff, Chan Fui-hing said that Chan Chung-wah formerly remitted the rent regularly, but last year he did not remit the full amount.

In July last year, he came to Hongkong from Sha Kau village and asked Chan for the rent, as the latter had failed to reply to letters sent him. Chan paid \$400 on that occasion.

In January this year, said witness, he came again to the Colony, but did not see Chan Chung-wah, who, however, sent him \$250 through his brother.

Witness said that when he came to Hongkong again in June last, he met Chan Chung-wah and asked him for the rent. The latter gave him \$100 in National currency and promised to give him the balance at a later date. Chan Chung-wah later disappeared.

Witness said he did not mention the mortgages on that occasion as he was keen on getting his rent first.

### CROSS-EXAMINATION

Cross-examined by Mr. Sheldon, witness said that in June he knew that Chan Chung-wah had mortgaged the property without his authority.

Mr. Sheldon: Why didn't you then go to the police and say that you suspected that man had forged deeds of which you had a share?—I had consulted solicitors,

## 20 PERSONS FOR TRIAL

Twenty persons will be arraigned on various charges at the Criminal Sessions, which commences at the Supreme Court on Friday at 9.30 a.m. The accused are:—

Chung Wan-ching, alias Ah Chung, charged with manslaughter; Wong Chau; manslaughter; Au Kam-tin and Chai Hing; possession of arms and ammunition;

Po So, Lo Yee, Po Fun and Po Kan; robbery; Wai Tin and Ho Hung; armed robbery in dwelling;

Wong Wing, So Mau, Leung Sang and Ma Lai; possession of dangerous drugs;

Chong Pak-chung; uttering a forged banknote, possession of forged banknotes, larceny by trick and conspiracy;

Wan Wah, Tang Fuk, Wong Chiu, Lai Yiu and Li Man; breach of deportation order.

## CHINA TO FILM "SECRET AGENT OF JAPAN"

Preparations are being made in Chungking to film "Secret Agent of Japan," Amleto Vespa's best-seller that caused an international sensation last year. To be shown some time next year, the forthcoming all-star cast motion picture will cost \$60,000, which is much more expensive than any other films released thus far by the producer, China Film Factory.

According to plans, the actual filming will be done in Yulin, a city in northern Shensi, to give the right atmosphere. It will be directed by Mr. James Yuan, whose first picture "Fight to the Last" was shown in London, Paris, Moscow and New York theatres during the early part of the war. Three months will be required to complete the film.

## FAN-TAN GAME IN THE STREET

Charged with having conducted a fan-tan game in the street in Castle Peak Road, on Saturday afternoon, three men appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, at the Kowloon Court yesterday. It was stated in Court there were 10 men involved at the game.

Lei Sam, 33, the first defendant, was fined \$50, or three weeks' imprisonment, and the other two defendants, Lei Si-tang, 29, and Lei Yu-kwan, 50, were fined each \$30, or one week's imprisonment. Table money of \$3.39 picked up at the game was ordered placed in the Poor Box.

## BAG SNATCHER GAOLED

Appearing before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday charged with snatching a handbag from a woman, an unemployed, Lan Man, 26, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

The complainant, So Suk-yin, was walking along Western Street when the defendant approached from behind and snatched the bag. Lan was arrested when he tried to pawn a gold finger ring which he found in the bag.

## COLONY HEALTH

Thirty-three cases of tuberculosis, six cases of dysentery, six cases of enteric fever, three cases of diphtheria and one case of cerebro-spinal fever were notified to the Health Department on Dec. 10.

### EASTERN PORTS

The following is the Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending Dec. 2:

Cholera: Delhi 4 cases, Calcutta 18 cases.

Small-Pox: Delhi 8 cases, Cawnpore 1 case, Bombay 8 cases, Calcutta 2 cases, Hongkong 3 cases.

The Admiralty announces the list casualties in connexion with the torpedoing of the destroyer *Jersey* on December 7, namely, officers missing, believed killed, two, injured two; ratings, missing believed killed, eight, injured 10. —(BWS).

and was advised to keep quiet till the rent was paid. The hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

## H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police.

### CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part I.—All recruits who have not yet passed Part I of Training Course will attend Central Police Station on Friday, December 15 at 17.30 hours sharp for instruction under Sub Inspector (R) Chan Chung Tung. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle & Chain, and Truncheon.

Training Course—Part II.—The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Company Headquarters for qualification and instruction in Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, December 12 at 17.30 hours sharp:—

Constables R27 Lee Ting Shun, R152 Ip Ching, R153 Sung Pak Ching, R154 William Chau, R155, Lai Kwok Chiu, R156 Cheng Lok Sang, R157 Ng Ping Kwong, R158 Koh Hon Ying, R159 Ts'o Kwai Shing, R160 Fung Hon Hung, R161 Kong Sai Lun, R162 Tang Lin Fui and R163 Li Kam Chuen.

Training Course—Part IV.—The following will attend Company Headquarters for Part IV of Training Course (A.K.F.) under Sub Inspector (R) Chan Chung Tung on Monday and Thursday, December 11 and 14, respectively at 17.30 hours sharp.

Constables R144 Wu Man Hon, R145 William Ho, R146 Lau Mau, R147 Lung Che Lup, R148 Charles Tam, R149 Tang Kwong Wing, R150 Koh Kwai Sun, R151 Lam Chong Sing, R152 Ip Ching, R153 Sung Pak Ching, R154 William Chau, R155 Lai Kwok Chiu, R156 Cheng Lok Sang, R157 Ng Ping Kwong, R158 Koh Hon Ying, and R159 Ts'o Kwai Shing.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

### INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part I.—The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, December 13, at 17.15 hours sharp for Squad Drill under Sub Inspector (R) Mehdi Khan:—

Constables R212 B. Singh, R224 Y. Tibe, R231 A. Karim, R255 A. S. Mohammed, R257 S. Khan, R258 A. W. Kader, R267 J. Din, R272 M. Nazir, R276 I. Kripp, R277 M. Afzal, R278 Lal Singh, R287 N. L. Advani, R217 A. Hamid, R218 B. Shab, R240 Atta Mohammed, R254 A. Haroon, R259 A. Khan, R261 M. Singh, R265 M. Ramzan, R266 Kesari Ali, R270 S. A. Ismail, R285 M. Ibrahim, R239 M. A. Hamet, R212 Mohammed Ali, R274 H. Khan, R281 K. S. Mehal, R291 A. R. Feroc, R299 Niamatullah, R301 Najab Khan, R702 Mohamed Hayat, and R703 J. T. Tellis.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

### FLYING SQUAD

Strength.—The following members have been taken on the strength of the Flying Squad, as from December 6, 1939:—

Constables R333 Lai Yim, R376 Lam Wye Kee, R377 Ng Yeu Chou, R387 Ng Chak Ying, R379 Peter Yeung, R380 Chan Wing Fatt and R381 Chan Hung Piu.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE Strength.—The following have been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from December 9, 1939:—

Constables R487 A. F. Baptista, R488 A. F. Delgado, R489 F. X. Delgado, R470 P. C. Botelho, R471 J. F. da Silva, R472 L. J. Castilho, R473 S. S. L. de Faria, R474 P. J. Medina, R475 F. de Sousa, R476 A. R. P. Pereira, R477 B. G. Ivanchenko, R478 H. F. Sullivan, and R479 C. A. R. Remedios.

Instruction.—All recruits of the Emergency Unit Reserve will parade at No. 2 Police Station on Friday, December 15 at 17.30 hours sharp for instruction under Inspector (R) W. V. Field.

Leave.—Constable R455 J. D. Castro has been granted sick leave as from date.

Patrol Duty.—Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

### O. EAGER.

D. S. P. (R).

Hongkong, Monday, December 11, 1939.

## WOMAN FINED FOR ASSAULT

A fine of \$20 was imposed on Sin Yu-ha, 38, married woman, when she appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday on a charge of assaulting her adopted daughter.

Insp. H. W. Fraser, of the S. C. A., told the Court that the girl was a registered ward of the S. C. A. On Friday last she went to his office and complained that she had been beaten by the complainant, because she had been accused of being careless with the washing.

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# Finance and Commerce

## NEW MARKET FOR RUBBER LATEX

The Director of the Rubber Research Scheme, Mr. T. E. H. O'Brien, has drawn the attention of the rubber industry to the possible development of an export trade in rubber latex.

According to advices from London received by Mr. O'Brien there is at present an active demand for latex. Recent enquiries received at the Rubber Research Institute from India also indicate that an entirely new market for latex is being developed in that country.

That a demand for latex from India would most logically be supplied by Ceylon is Mr. O'Brien's view.

Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies are the chief countries which at present export latex to Europe and America. Ceylon has never made any serious attempt to enter the latex market. She only has occasional small shipments to her credit in this trade.

Between 1928 and 1937 the total world consumption of preserved latex had increased tenfold, the consumption in 1937 being about 35,000 tons.

In 1938 there was a falling off, but in the first four months of 1939, it is stated, the rate of consumption was equal to that of the previous peak year, 1937.

The failure of Ceylon producers to take up the manufacture of latex raises the question whether there are any factors associated with conditions peculiar to Ceylon which militate against the successful production of latex.

**THREE DISADVANTAGES**  
In comparison with Malaya, Ceylon is at a disadvantage, states Mr. O'Brien, in three respects—

(a) The rainfall of Malaya is distributed in such a way that there is relatively little interference with tapping. In Ceylon the proportion of days on which latex is diluted with rain is much higher.

(b) For about three months in the year, namely, February, May and June, the collection of latex for shipment is not practicable.

(c) The estate units are small. For the shipment of large uniform consignments it would be necessary for estates to adopt co-operative measures for bulking. Alternatively, the establishment of a central latex factory in Colombo would have to be considered.

The market requirements are such that it is difficult to dispose of small or non-uniform parcels of latex, and the difficulty is likely to increase. But there is a ready market for high quality latex, both normal and concentrated in uniform consignments of not less than 10,000 gallons.

**EXPIRY OF PATENTS**  
The commercial production of concentrated latex both by creaming and by centrifugation has

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## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 11, 1939

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 1/4	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand ..... 3/20	
On Singapore:—	
On demand ..... 5/8 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand ..... 10/2 3/4	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer. 1/2 7/8	
and demand ..... 1/2 7/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 1/4	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand ..... 4/5 1/8	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 10/30	
Credits 4 months' sight 11/4	
On Saigon:—	
On demand ..... 10/8 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand ..... 4/8 1/2	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand ..... 14/9 1/2	
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... 1/4	
Bar Silver per oz. .... 23 1/8	

### Market Report

**FROM ROZA BROS.**  
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 1/8 for Ready and 23 5/16 for Forward. American Silver was quoted at 24 3/4 for Spot.  
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York-London was quoted at 391 1/4.

**Market**  
Quiet throughout the day.  
**Sterling**  
There were sellers at 1/23 1/32 December / February, probably March and 1/21 5/16 April/May, buyers at 1/3 Cash and 1/23 1/32 April.

**U.S. Dollars**  
There were sellers at 24 3/8 Cash, 24 5/16 December, 24 3/16 January and 24 1/16 February, buyers at 24 1/16 Cash, 24 3/8 December, 24 1/4 probably January and 24 1/8 February.

**Shanghai Dollars**  
At the opening there were sellers at 332 resulting in some business at this rate. Subsequently the rate receded to 328 and at the close sellers were quoted at 329.

**Shanghai Market**  
Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 4 3/16. Later the rate rose to 4 17/32 and at the close sellers were quoted at 4 33/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars sellers for Spot at 7 9/32 at the opening. Subsequently the rate rose to 7 13/32. At the close sellers were quoted at 7 3/8 for Spot.

**Afternoon Market**  
The market was quiet in the afternoon.

**Sterling**  
The market closed with sellers at 1/23 1/32 December/February, and 1/21 5/16 April/May, buyers at 1/3 Cash and 1/23 1/32 April.

**U.S. Dollars**  
Sellers at 24 3/8 Cash, 24 5/16 December, 24 3/16 January and 24 1/16 February, buyers at 24 1/16 Cash, 24 3/8 December, 24 1/4 probably January and 24 1/8 February.

**Shanghai Dollars**  
329.  
**Shanghai Market**  
Sterling sellers for Spot were quoted at 4 1/2 towards the close.

### BONDS DRAWN IN SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, Dec. 11 (Central)—The eighth drawing of Consolidation Bonds "E" and seventeenth drawing of Telegraph Bonds were held in Shanghai on December 9.

Consolidation Bonds "E" with the terminals "633", "122", "281", "393", "778", "778", "831", and "900", and Telegraph Bonds with the terminals "20", "74", and "83" were drawn and are due for repayment.

**Selling**  
Opening Closing  
Spot ..... 0/4-31/64 0/4-33/64  
Dec. .... 0/4-31/64 0/4-33/64  
Jan. .... 0/4-29/64 0/4-1/2

**U.S. Dollars**  
Spot ..... 7-9/32 7-3/8  
Dec. .... 7-1/4 7-11/32  
Jan. .... 7-5/32 7-1/4

**Market:—Quiet.**  
**Merchant Rates**  
Sterling, 0/4-1/2.  
U.S. Dollars, 7-5/16.  
**Silver duty Rate**  
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.  
The Equalisation rate was 22-1/2 per cent.

## H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Rates continue to show some improvement and the undertone of the market is steady to firm.

### BUYERS

H.K. Bank, \$1330.	
Bank of East Asia, \$71.	
Canton Ins., \$210.	
Union Ins., \$390.	
Douglases, \$71.	
Docks, \$19.10.	
Providents, 430.	
H. & S. Hotels, \$4.65.	
Lands, \$33.	
Humphreys, \$7.	
Chinese Estates, \$100.	
Tramways, \$18.30.	
Yau-mat Ferries, \$23.	
China Lights (O), \$7.65.	
Electrics, \$51.	
Sandakan Lights, \$11.	
Telephone (O), \$24.	
Telephone (N), \$8.	
Cements, \$15.	
Ropes, \$5.30.	
Dairy Farms (O), \$20.	
Dairy Farms (N), \$19.	
Watsons, \$4.35.	
Entertainments, \$3.35.	
Constructions (O), \$1.	

### SELLERS

Carlton Ins., \$220.	
Providents, \$4.45.	
Tramways, \$16.	

### SALES

H.K. Bank, \$1340.	
Providents, \$4.32.	
Star Ferries, \$7.	
Electrics, \$51.	
Telephone (O), \$24 1/2.	

## PRICES SHOOT UP IN N. CHINA

The hardships of the Japanese occupation of North China are shown by the following figures, printed in the "Peking Chronicle."

Commodity prices in Tientsin continue to soar in spite of the efforts of the authorities to check the upward tendency. The following are latest indices for various articles of daily necessity as compared with the figures of last year:	
Nov. 1938	Oct. 1939
Provisions ..... 108.97	264.49
Clothing, cloth ..... 142.11	281.46
Metals ..... 264.65	614.98
Building Materials ..... 190.08	309.52
Fuel ..... 202.14	301.06
Miscellaneous ..... 175.39	297.93
Average ..... 177.11	233.13

### CEMENTS, \$15.

Dairy Farms (O), \$20.	
Dairy Farms (N), \$19.	
Entertainments, \$4.	

### MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 18b, Antamoks 16s, Baguio Gold 15 1/2, Batong Bahay 012s, Benguet Consol. unq., Big Wedge 20s, Coco Groves 16s, Consol. Mines 003s, Demonstrations 09s, East Mindanao 10s, I. X. L. 41 1/2, Ipo Gold 14b, Itogons 28s, Mambulao Consol. 013s, Masbates 10s, Mindanao Motherlode 08s, Mine Operations 10s, North Camarines 15 1/2, Paracale Gumaus 19s, San Maurilio 80s, Surigao Consol. 16s, Suycos 13s, Syndicate Investments 02s, United Paracales 32s.	
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OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—Imports of tea into Canada in the first eight months of 1939 amounted to 26,145,433 pounds valued at \$6,077,736. Most of this was imported direct from British India and Ceylon with smaller quantities coming from China, Japan and Dutch East Indies. Quantities are also imported through the United Kingdom.

## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	MONDAY 11 DEC.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
				<b>Bank</b>				
\$1330				H.K. Bank				\$1330
				Do. (Col. Reg.)				284 1/2
				Do. (Lon. Reg.)				284 1/2
				Chartered Bank				284 1/2
				Mercantile Bks. "A"				284 1/2
				Mercantile Bks. "C"				284 1/2
\$71				Bank of East Asia				284 1/2
				N. C. & S. Bank				284 1/2
				Insurance				284 1/2
\$210	\$220			Canton Insurance	\$200			
\$390				Union Insurance	\$380			
				Underwriters	\$1			
				H.K. Fire	\$180			
				Shipping				
\$71				Douglases				\$70
				Steamboats	\$11			
\$70				Indo-China (Pref.)				\$50
\$40				Indo-China (Det.)				\$30
				Shells				\$79 1/4
				Waterboats				\$8
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
\$4.30	\$4.35			H.K. & K. Wharves				\$101
				Providents (new)	\$4.30			
\$19.10	\$19			H.K. & W. Docks				\$19.10
				Do. (new)				
				Shanghai Docks & New Engineering B. Mining	\$185			\$17.60
				Kailans				18/8
				Rauhs				\$10 1/2
				Venezuela Gold Fide				\$2
				Hong Kong Mines				
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
\$4.65	\$4.67 1/2			H.K. Hotels				\$4.65
\$33	\$33			H.K. Lands	\$33 1/2			
				Do. 4% Debentures				100 1/2
				Shanghai Lands B.	\$10.80			
				H.K. Realities	\$4.30			
				Humphreys	\$7 1/2			\$7.60
				Chinese Estates				
				Cotton Mills				
				Ewo (S.)	\$25 1/2			\$25 1/2
				Shai Cottons (S.)	\$162			\$162
				Zoong Sings (S.)	\$42			\$42
				Wing On Textiles (S.)	\$48 1/2			\$160
				Public Utilities				
\$16.30	\$16 1/2			Tramways	\$1.20			
				Peak Trams (old)				\$8
				Peak Trams (new)				\$4
\$50 1/2				Star Ferries	\$53			
\$22 1/2				Y-mat Ferries	\$23 1/2			
				Do. (new)				
\$7.65				China Lights (O)	\$7.70			
				China Lights (New)	\$4.70			
				China Lights Rts.				
				H.K. Electric	\$51 1/2			
				Macao Electric				
				Sandakan Lights				
				Telephone (old)	\$24			
				Telephone (new)	\$8			
				Traction				18/6
				Traction (pref.)				18/6
				Industrials				
				Cald. Macg. (Ord.) B.	\$14.90			
				Cald. Macg. (Pref.) B.	\$18			
				Canton Ind.	\$1			
\$15.40	\$15 1/2			Cement	\$15.40			
\$5.20				Ropes	\$5.25			
				Miscellaneous				
\$204	\$20.40			Dairy Farm (Old)	\$30 1/2			
\$19 1/2				Dairy Farm (New)	\$19 1/2			
\$24.35				Ch. Yau-mat	\$24.35			
\$1 1/2				Constructions (old)	\$1.75			
				Constructions (new)				
				Lease Cranes				\$8
				Nanyang Tobacco				\$4
				Sinners	\$1.75			
\$8.35				Watsons	\$8.35			
				Ch. G.S. 125/50 B.S.	47 1/2			
				H.K. Gov. 4 1/2 Loans	100 1/2			
				H.K. Gov. 3 1/2 Loans	97 1/2			
				H.K. Wing On	\$41			
				Shai Wing On	\$10			
				Vibro Piling	\$8 1/2			
				Mareman Inv. (Lon.)				
				Mareman Inv. (H.K.)				
				Wm. Fowells				
				*Sales to Shanghai				



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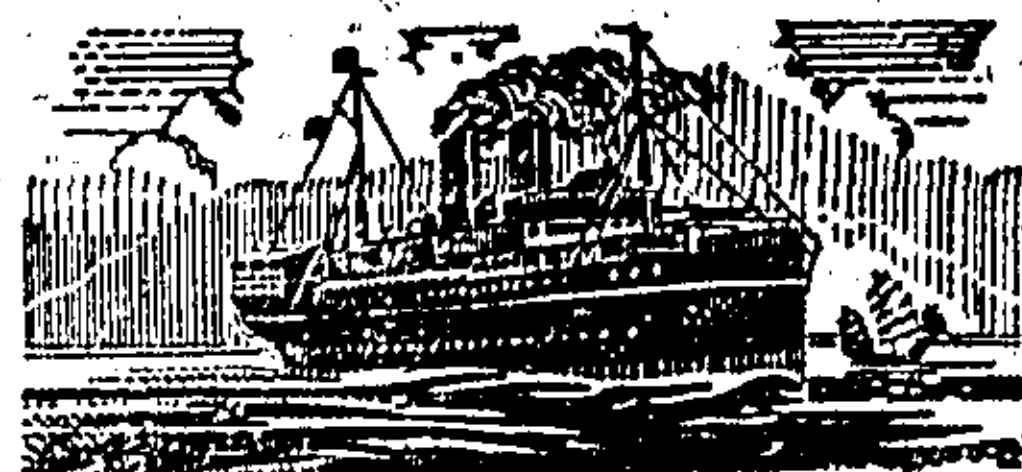
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## WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Dec. 10.  
Barometer (at sea level), 30.30 ins.  
Temperature, 63 F.  
Humidity, 55 per cent.  
Wind Direction, E.N.E.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.  
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 73 F.  
Temperature, minimum last night, 56 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.  
Total rainfall since January 1st, 86.70 ins.  
Against an average of, 84.45 ins.  
Sunset to-night, 5.40 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.53 a.m.  
4 p.m., Dec. 11.  
Barometer (at sea level), 30.20 ins.  
Temperature, 62 F.  
Humidity, 70 per cent.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.  
Wind Direction, E/S.  
Maximum temperature, 65 F.  
Minimum temperature, 56 F.  
Rainfall, nil.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 12 to 18 Dec. 1939

HIGH WATER.			LOW WATER.		
Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height.
		h. m.	f. in.	h. m.	f. in.
Tues.	12	11 24	4 8	04 27	1 0
		21 58	8 0	15 15	3 7
Wed.	13	12 08	4 9	05 05	1 1
		22 28	7 8	15 49	3 8
Thur.	14	13 52	4 8	05 43	1 2
		23 56	7 4	16 28	4 0
Fri.	15	13 37	4 8	06 22	1 4
		23 21	7 0	17 06	4 2
Sat.	16	14 20	4 9	06 59	1 6
		23 48	6 5	17 45	4 3
Sun.	17	—	—	07 40	2 0
		15 15	4 9	18 35	4 5
Mon.	18	00 22	6 0	08 24	2 4
		16 04	5 1	19 49	4 7

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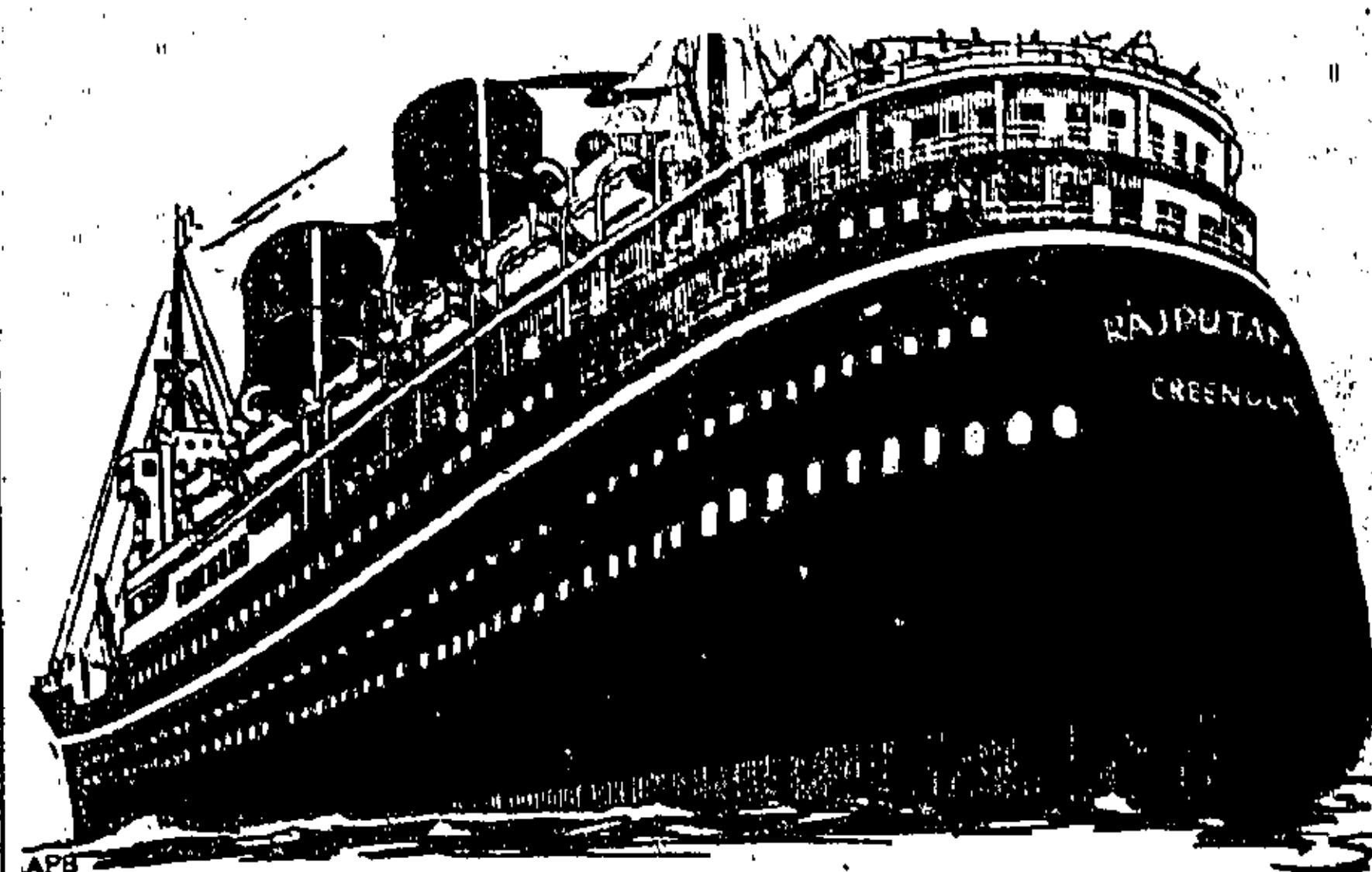
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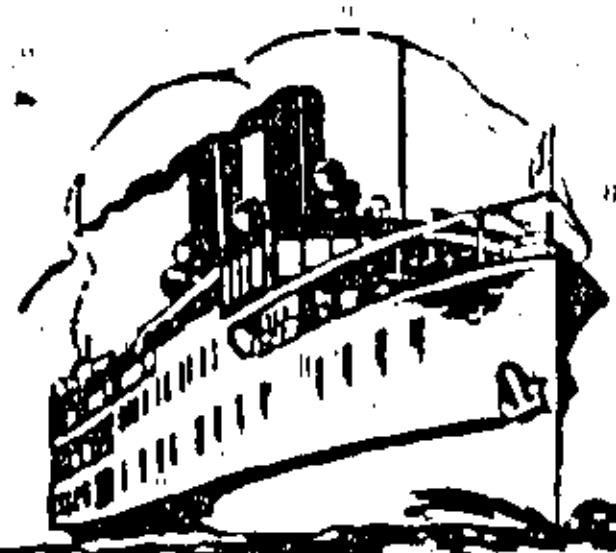
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## BRITAIN'S FIGHT AGAINST NAZI RAIDERS AND MINES: REVIEW OF WAR AT SEA

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Presenting his fortnightly review of the war at sea, the B.B.C. Naval Observer dealt with raiders and mines.

When Germany built her three pocket-battleships, she designed them as commerce-raiders which could beat off a cruiser and run away from a battleship. They can steam 20,000 miles without refuelling—almost right round the world.

Discussing the difficulties of finding these ships, he asked his listeners how many ships they actually saw on, say, a trip from Britain to New Zealand? Very few, he suggested.

### ALMOST BLIND

A ship at sea is almost blind. On a clear day, the horizon is only ten miles away, so that a ship could see for little more than 200 miles around. At night visibility was only a couple of miles for raiders travel without lights.

A ship, in those circumstances, is rather like a man wandering in a thick mist on the Yorkshire Moors. A ship has only got to be on the other side of the horizon to be invisible.

In the North Atlantic, where the Rawalpindi met her doom, the position was even worse. Gales were almost of daily occurrence, there were only about 31 hours' daylight and for a good measure there were fogs, mists, rainstorms and snow-storms.

### RAIDERS' RISKS

In such weather, one's quarry can be invisible, although she is only a mile or so away.

Nevertheless, the raider did not have it all its own way. It must eventually feed its crew and refuel. It must get supplies and as soon as it captures a ship it runs the risk of giving away its position.

Recently several German ships left neutral ports, probably intending to supply the raiders. That did not matter as now they had been either captured or scuttled.

Sooner or later too the raiders' speed and steaming performance would suffer, particularly in tropical waters, where marine growths are prolific.

Machinery too develop defects in time, which eventually need handing in to a dockyard.

Hunting raiders might take time, but sooner or later they would get caught. The ships of the British and French Navies were after them day and night.

### MINES MENACE

Turning to mines, the Naval Observer said that at first the Nazis had a certain amount of success with their magnetic mines. Yet the blockade was more frightful than effective. British ports were still open and the mine-sweeping fleet had been strengthened and reorganised to meet the menace. It would take a little time for the counter-measures to make the seas safe, but at present, at any rate the menace was held in check.

These mine sweeping boats were chiefly manned by volunteers and fishermen and, as an instance of the remarkable qualities of these men he told the story of a peaceful fishing trawler which was shelled at close range by a U-Boat.

### A PLUCKY ACT

The trawler crew launched their boat while the shells whizzed all around them. The U-Boat, after seeing the small trawler sink, left the crew to their fate in the North Sea. While it was being launched, the ship's boat had a hole knocked in its side and it was in danger of sinking. The engineer however, promptly stuck his foot into the hole and the other members of the crew plastered it into place with tallow and grease. For twenty-two hours he kept his foot in one position, for the lives of all depended on him. They all got ashore safely.

"We are still a race of seamen, carrying on a high tradition," concluded the commentator.

## MUSSOLINI REINFORCES FRONTIERS

ROME, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini was in consultation last night with his defence chiefs. It is understood that the reinforcement of Italian forces on all frontiers was decided upon.

## PHILHARMONIC PRODUCTION REHEARSAL

### "No, No, Nanette" Bright Show

The decision of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society to attempt a lighter type of production appears to be well justified.

"No, No, Nanette" had a full dress rehearsal at the Queen's Theatre last night and the gaiety of the piece, the tuneful music, the brilliant lines and smoothness of production generally augurs well for a successful run.

Jean Greig, as Nanette, is a winsome actress with a rather astonishing voice while Harry Cockle, as Jimmy, is "grand."

"No, No, Nanette" is produced by Mr. W. Robertson with Capt. A. C. Houghton as stage director and Mr. R. C. Butler as stage manager. The music is being handled by Serg. Capt. G. V. Hobbs while the dances have been arranged by Carol Bateman, formerly of Shanghai.

"No, No, Nanette" will open at the Queen's Theatre tomorrow night.

## BOY, 14, AMONG NAZI PRISONERS

When an armed merchant cruiser docked at a Scottish port German prisoners of war were taken off under military escort. The men who left the ship during the blackout boarded motor-coaches waiting on the quayside and were driven to an internment camp.

The prisoners were mostly young men, and with the exception of one or two, wore civilian clothes. The other men were wearing the uniform of the German merchant service. One of them was a boy aged about fourteen.

The men appeared to be quite cheerful and made joking remarks among themselves. One man said to his companion with a laugh: "Keep your chin up."

The men gazed through the windows of the coaches and showed great interest in their surroundings.—Daily Mirror.

## "Life Gas" Kept In Secret Cave

Every day men descend secretly into a cave in the Derbyshire hills to collect a gas which to many people is priceless. It means release from agonising pain, new hope where there was despair.

And it represents the victory of British doctors over war conditions, gives them the means to carry on the war that must never stop—the battle against disease.

The gas is called "radon." It is generated from the £15,000 to £20,000 worth of radium which Manchester has stored under the earth, so that it may be safe if air raiders attack the Christie Radium Hospital, at Fallowfield, where in peacetime it is used.

No one could stay in the cavern where the radium is stored. So every day for the duration of the war men will descend to collect the radon.

They must not delay, for the gas loses half its active life in four days.

A small party of men from the hospital laboratories, accompanied by experts, undertook the extremely difficult and dangerous task of installing apparatus in the cave. Along a narrow path four men carried hundreds of lead bricks to build in the cave a chamber for the assembly of the apparatus.—Daily Mirror.

## FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.  
Christmas and New Year Cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces, for all countries.  
Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces.  
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From	Due
Japan and Shanghai	12th Dec.
Shanghai	12th Dec.
Shanghai	12th Dec.
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Straits	13th Dec.
Haiphong and Fort Bayard	13th Dec.
Canton	13th Dec.
Straits	13th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 6th Dec.	14th Dec.
Canton	14th Dec.
Manila	14th Dec.
Shanghai and Amoy	14th Dec.
Japan	14th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Dec.
Straits	14th Dec.
Shanghai	14th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 19th November)	15th Dec.
Haiphong	15th Dec.
Manila	15th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 9th Dec.	17th Dec.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	17th Dec.
Haiphong	17th Dec.
Shanghai	17th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco Date 5th December.	18th Dec.
Straits and Manila	18th Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	18th Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 13th November)	20th Dec.
Straits	20th Dec.
Java and Manila	20th Dec.
Rabaul	20th Dec.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco, date 22nd November)	21st Dec.
Shanghai	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	21st Dec.
Australia and Manila	21st Dec.
Straits	22nd Dec.
Japan	22nd Dec.
Japan and Shanghai	23rd Dec.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November)	23rd Dec.

## OUTWARD MAILS

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For	Date and Time
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
Shanghai	Tue. 12th 8.30 AM
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin	10.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
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	K.P.O.
Airmail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 18th December.	Reg. 5.00 PM
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<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Shanghai and Parcels only for Tientsin	Wed. 13th 8.30 AM
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Parcels only for Swatow	10.30 AM
Swatow & Formosa	10.30 AM
Straits (Parcels only)	1.00 PM
Haiphong	1.00 PM
Straits and Calcutta	1.30 PM
Amoy	2.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 21st December.	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
Sandakan	Thu. 14th 8.30 AM
Amoy	4.00 PM
Amoy	7.00 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 1st Jan. 1940.	Fri. 15th 5.00 PM
Parcels only for Shanghai and Tientsin	Reg. 16th 9.15 AM
Parcels only for Hongkong and Tientsin	Ord. 16th 10.00 AM
Fort Bayard and Holhow	1.30 PM
Haiphong	2.00 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
Canton	Sat. 16th 7.15 AM
	Parcels Noon
Straits and Calcutta	Letters 1.00 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central & South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 8th January 1940.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 24th Dec.	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
Amoy	Sun. 17th 8.00 AM

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## SOVIET PROTEST TO ALLIES

LONDON, Dec. 11 (Reuter).—The Soviet protest to Britain and France against the blockade of German exports declares that the Allied methods of economic warfare violate international law and reserves the right to claim compensation if state-owned Soviet merchantmen are forced to call at an Allied port or otherwise damage Russia's trade.

## Gracie Finds A Rhyme For Hitler

Gracie Fields did not forget Hitler during a half-hour broadcast.

She honoured him in a ballad about the Aspidochelone, and concluded with the ribious lines:

He's going to string old Hitler.  
On the very highest bough.  
Of the biggest aspidochelone.

She came on the air in the terrific good form we knew of old. She sang without a tremor of uncertainty, as if she had never been ill, and in a hundred moods known to her million fans—gay and serious, mocking and boisterous, proud and humble, dreamy and intimate.

Gracie started right away by buttonholing her audience in her old confidential style, and hardly waiting for John Watt to announce the numbers.

First she sang "Over the Rainbow." Then she gave an eccentric number in her croaking, joking, squealing, and chortling manner. Next a romantic song trilling along on her well-known high violin-like notes.

She joked with Louis Levy, "gagged" the revue chorus, and said, "Come on everybody—you've got to help me out of this."

It was a variety show of all the Gracies we have ever heard.

At the end of her broadcast she turned to her excited audience and said, "Thank you very much. I'm going to cool off a bit."

And so the best broadcast the B.B.C. have given us—well, it seems for years—came to an end.

It was Gracie revived and on top of the world.

## BADMINTON LEAGUE

### EASY WIN FOR KING'S COLLEGE

King's College beat Kowloon Tong in a Badminton League match last night by eight sets to one.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's College) beat N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan, 21-8, beat R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko, 21-18, beat B. P. C. Fletcher and A. E. H. Castro, 21-7.

K. H. Lo and T. Lam (King's College) lost to Mackay and Chan 10-21, beat Lee and Ko, 21-13, beat Fletcher and Castro, 23-21.

S. P. Chan and W. C. Hung (King's College) beat Mackay and Chan 21-15, beat Lee and Ko, 21-14, beat Fletcher and Castro 21-14.

## MUFFLERS AS SOS FLARES

U-Boat victims, drifting in an open boat in the Atlantic, took off their mufflers soaked them in paraffin, tied them to an oar and set them alight.

The men stood on a seat in the boat and waved the blazing mufflers as a distress signal.

They were the crew of the Fleet-wood trawler Sea Sweeper, and they told this story of their rescue when they were brought ashore in another trawler.

Skipper J. Tomlinson stated that a German submarine broke surface about 200 yards astern of the Sea Sweeper and immediately fired a warning shot.

As soon as the crew of twelve had left in their small boat the submarine sank the trawler by gunfire.

"We had a terrible time," said Skipper Tomlinson. "By midnight, when we had been rowing for eight hours, we were thoroughly exhausted. At about four o'clock in the morning we had about given up when we sighted the light of a ship."

"We tore off our mufflers, soaked them in paraffin and tied them to an oar. The rescue ship was another trawler."—Daily Telegraph.